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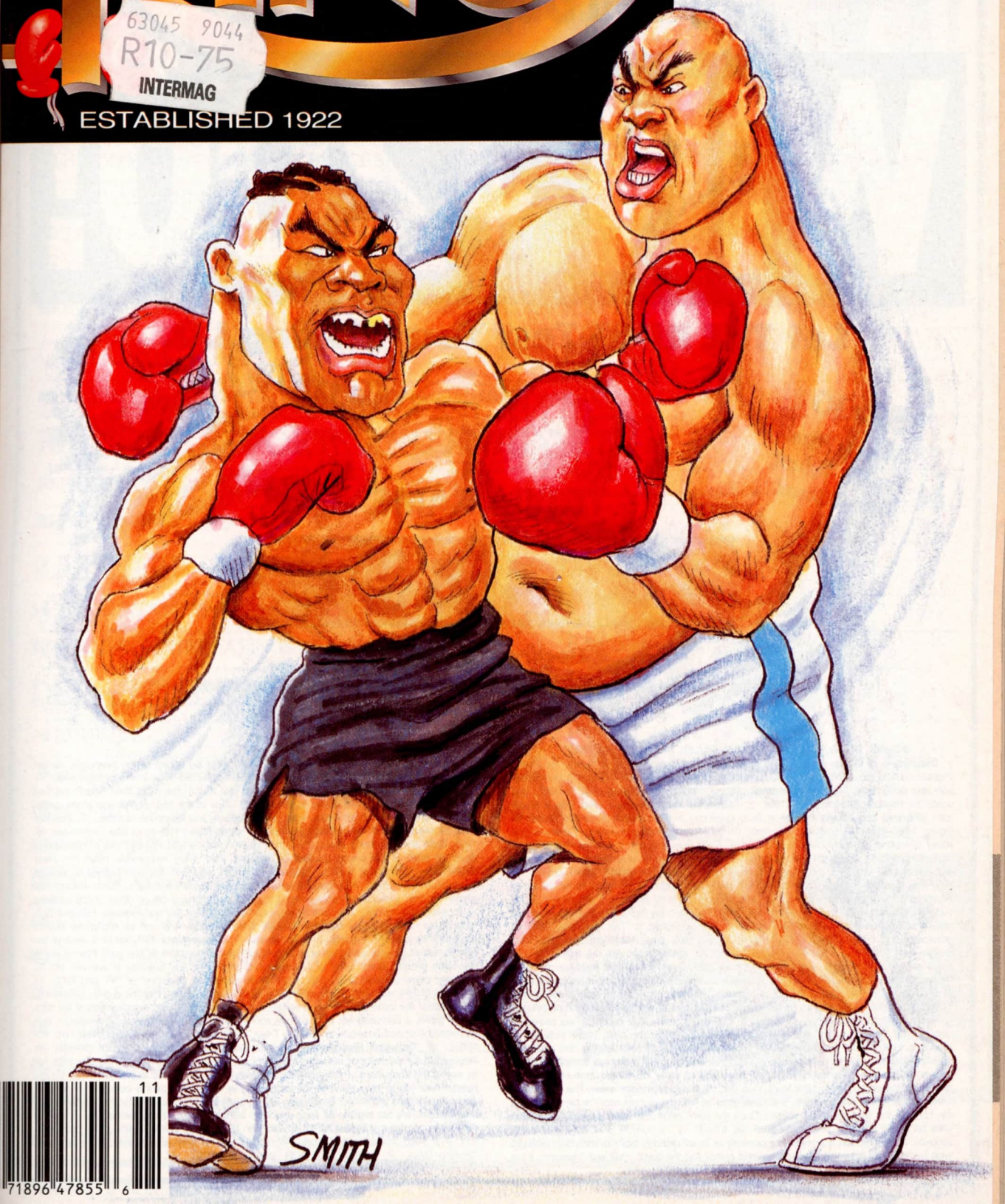

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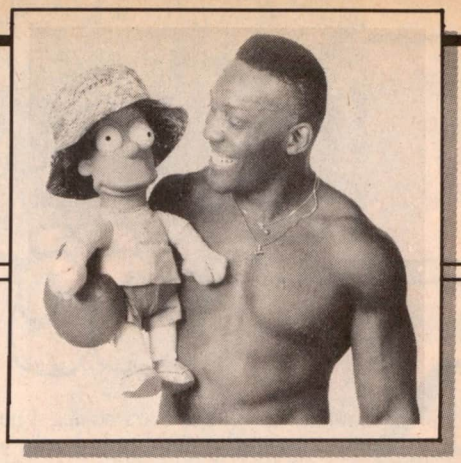

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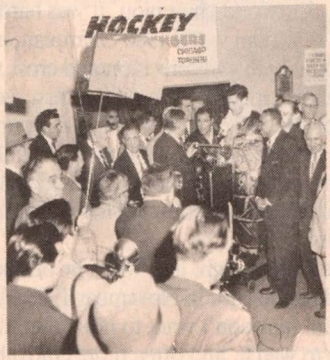

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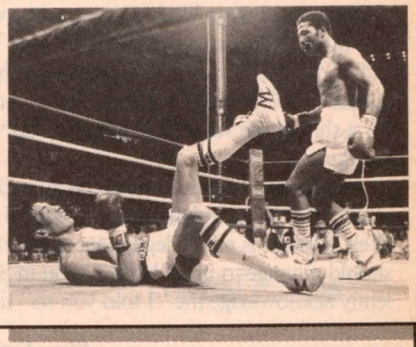

RINGSIDE

No matter how long I cover boxing, I never get used to death inside the ring—or outside. And I hope I never will.

In the past month, the fight fraternity lost three respected members, light heavyweight contender Eddie Cotton, 62, 115-pound champion Gilberto Roman, 28, and manager Mike Jones, 55. Each made an indelible contribution.

Cotton died in his hometown of Seattle after a second liver transplant. He was a sinewy, gifted technician who, at age 39, was still good enough to take champion Jose Torres the distance. Cotton's fans regret that during his era, there was only one champion per division. (During Cotton's prime, the 175-pound champion happened to be all-time great Archie Moore.)

"Eddie was an extremely genial, courteous, honest, and likeable man," said Bill Tuthill, *The Ring's* Washington correspondent. "He was a gentle man in a violent sport. The whole city was pulling for him."

Roman was instantly killed when his car slammed into a tractor-trailer near Mexico City. More than 1,500 mourners attended his funeral in Mexicali.

The Mexican titlist will be remembered as perhaps the best fighter in the brief history of the 115-pound division. I followed him closely because in 1984, after watching one of his fights on the Spanish International Network, I touted him in *KO Magazine* as a future world champion. It was hardly a bold prediction; Roman was a 1980 Olympian, and his marvelous skills were apparent. He could jab with precision and cross with power, but what I liked best was a defensive maneuver that I had first seen employed by Antonio Cervantes in the late-'70s. When Roman slipped a punch, he wouldn't flaunt his reflexes, the way a Hector Camacho or Pernell Whitaker might. Instead, he would allow his opponent's fist to come within an inch or two of his face so he could remain in counterpunching range. That was Roman: technically flawless, economical, and classy.

I finally got to see Roman fight live, when he outslicked Baby Sugar Rojas on the Leonard-Lalonde undercard in November 1988. Afterward, I reiterated a pet point that most casual fans don't want to hear: that the lighter-weight fighters are at least as enjoyable to watch, and often more enjoyable, than the welters, middles, and heavyweights. I'll always be able to point to Roman as evidence.

Jones died of bone cancer in New York. He was always a visible boxing figure, but it wasn't until his split with ostentatious Dennis Rappaport that we began to understand what kind of manager he was. Jones cared about his fighters, but was often overcautious in moving them. His handling of 140-pound champion Billy Costello, however, was masterful. In 1984, Jones secured Costello a title try against WBC champion Bruce Curry. At the time, the line of contenders begging for a shot at the vulnerable Curry could've twice circled Madison Square Garden.

Jones was a friend, so when he argued that I should've been rating his then-undefeated heavyweight, Alex Stewart, I accepted it as constructive criticism. Well, Stewart is now a legitimate contender who is rated ninth by *The Ring*. If he should manage to upset Mike Tyson in September, my first reaction will be to silently acknowledge the "I told you so" that surely would've come from Jones.

Steve Farhood

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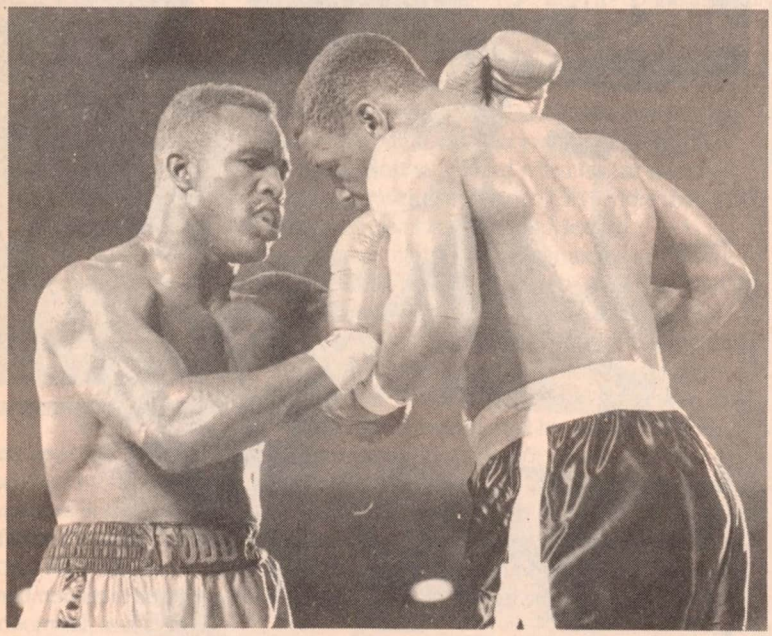

Unbeaten heavyweight Evander Holyfield has earned a title try with kayos of contenders like Alex Stewart. Is "The Real Deal" championship material? Our readership seems split.

THE REAL DEAL?

Evander Holyfield is the most underrated fighter in the heavyweight division. You think the public would've taken notice after Holyfield knocked out the hard-nosed Michael Dokes, Adilson Rodrigues, and Alex Stewart, who was a bloody mess after eight. Holyfield is the best counterpuncher today. He has an iron jaw, unlike Mike Tyson, who has a glass jaw, which was shattered by Buster Douglas.

I hope Holyfield gets the chance to fight Douglas so the fans will have a *real* champion.

DAVE STEEVES
Farmington Hills, MI

Concerning Evander Holyfield: Why is everyone so excited by this middle-of-the-road, blown-up light heavyweight who is masquerading as a legitimate contender for the heavyweight crown? Holyfield hasn't shown me anything. Let him get in the ring with someone who can do a little more than take a beating. Why doesn't he fight Razor Ruddock? Bonecrusher Smith would probably knock him out of the ring. I don't even think Holyfield could compete with Michael Spinks, who isn't even fighting anymore.

I can't wait till Holyfield finally fights heavyweight champion Buster Douglas and finds out about the real world of the heavyweights. Holyfield will get kayoed and sent home to mama. To all the people who believe in Evander Holyfield: You have my sympathy.

RAYMOND TUTTLE
Walkertown, NC

NO PUNCH, NO PRAYER

Surely you were jesting, Don King, when you matched Mike Tyson and Henry Tillman on June 16. You titled Tyson's bout, "The Comeback Road." The bout proved absolutely nothing. First of all, Tillman had been inactive. Secondly, he had been kayoed more than once. Thirdly, he is a natural cruiserweight who's had a very lackluster career.

Don, next time you hand-pick an opponent for Tyson, at least have the decency to select someone who has somewhat of a punch and a prayer!

By the way, Don, should you decide to disregard this letter and take another pigeon for Tyson, I could use about $200,000.

DALE PEEPLES
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THE INEVITABLE MATCHUP

Sooner or later, a match between George Foreman and Mike Tyson will come around.

A rare photograph of the Jess Willard-Floyd Johnson fight at Yankee Stadium in May 1923.

On May 12, 1923, former heavyweight champion Jess Willard, who, like Foreman, was an anachronism of the ring, struck a blow for middle-aged men. That blow landed flush on the point of the jaw of Floyd Johnson in the last seconds of the 11th round at Yankee Stadium. The force of Willard's punch lifted Johnson off his feet, and he dropped like a dead man.

He was unable to answer the bell for the 12th round. Willard, 41, and engaging in his first real bout in four years, had knocked out the best of the young heavyweights and a man young enough to be his son.

Foreman is the same age as Willard was in May 1923. Tyson, 24, could be his son. Age vs. youth is a question that must be answered.

EDDIE LARKIN
Newark, NJ

A LAST-SECOND STOPPAGE

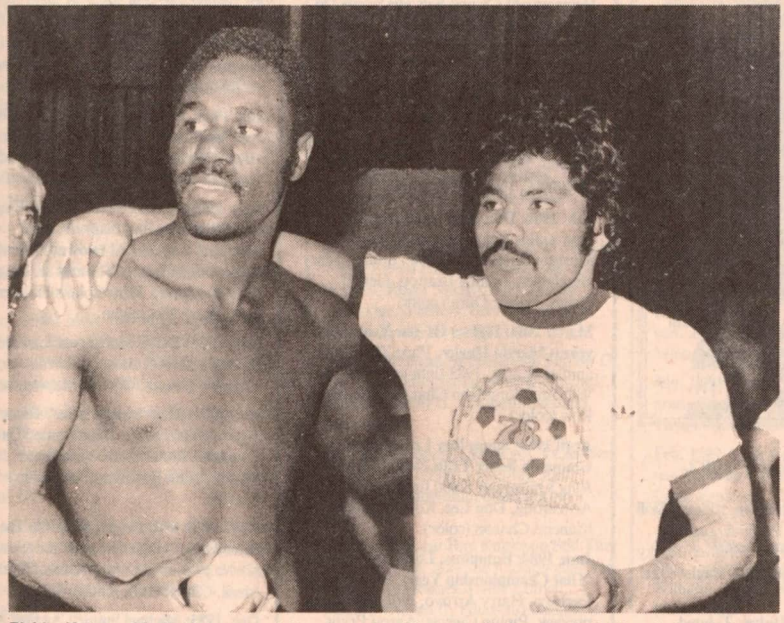
I enjoyed your piece on Julio Cesar Chavez in the August 1990 issue ("His Greatness Confirmed . . . Chavez: Is He The Greatest Mexican Fighter Ever?"), and especially the sidebar regarding a historical perspective on last-round kayos in title fights. However, let me offer an omission that you may want to consider: the Victor Galindez-Richie Kates WBA light heavyweight title fight in Johannesburg, South Africa, in May 1976.

I was working in Johannesburg at the time, and when I visited Kates' training camp and we discovered we were both from New Jersey, we began a close friendship. I attended the fight and even accompanied him back to the dressing room after his defeat.

Going into the 15th round of that controversial fight (Galindez bled profusely after being butted in round three, and there was a long delay before action was resumed), Kates was either ahead on points or it was very close. But Galindez scored a knockdown in the 15th, and Kates was counted out with *one second* left in the fight.

DR. RANDALL SPEER
Washington, D.C.

Editor's Note: The first Galindez-Kates battle, described by South African* Boxing World *Editor Bert Blewitt as " . . . one of the most savage and sensational fights ever seen in South Africa . . . " was indeed a noteworthy title fight. But Galindez was comfortably ahead on points going into the last round. He scored a knockdown in round seven, and dominated the 10th. After the bout, he was taken to a hospital because of exhaustion and loss of blood.



Richie Kates with light heavyweight champion Victor Galindez. In their first fight, Galindez, bleeding from the third round on, scored a kayo with one second left in the 15th round.

SULLIVAN AND TYSON

In your August 1990 issue, writer Todd Postol compared Mike Tyson and John L. Sullivan ("John L. Sullivan & Mike Tyson: Is History Repeating Itself?"). Postol must be living in a dream world. Tyson "idolize" Sullivan? Ha! Why would Tyson, who is, as Postol notes, a boxing historian, idolize the man who was responsible for drawing the color line in boxing? In the 1880s, Sullivan was terrified of accepting the awesome challenge of "The Black Prince," Peter Jackson. He made up some lame excuse, saying that it would be "undignified" for a white man to fight a black man.

Most of the people who saw them in action said that Jackson probably would've destroyed Sullivan.

Postol writes that Tyson should want to be "tough like John L. Sullivan." Tyson would probably tell him that avoiding Jackson was probably Sullivan's most notable legacy.

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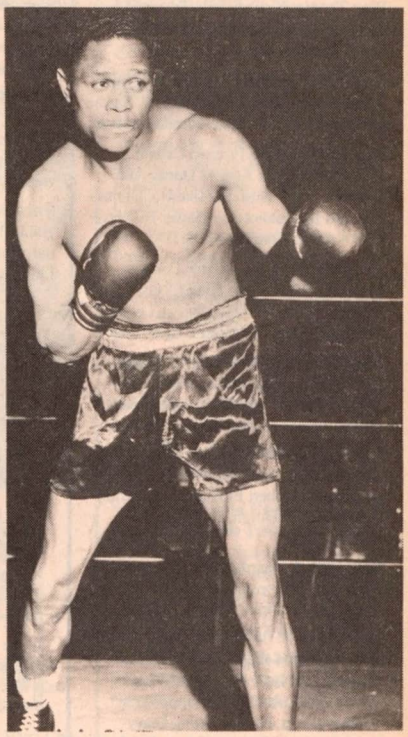

Lloyd Marshall twice faced Archie Moore, but never fought for the light heavyweight title.

REMEMBERING LLOYD MARSHALL

In the *Ring Classic* section of your March 1990 issue, you reprinted the *Ring* ratings from December 1945. It showed that Lloyd Marshall was rated second in the world at light heavyweight. My questions: Did he ever get a title shot, and did he ever face then-top contender Archie Moore?

GEOFFREY STOCKTON
Glasgow, KY

Editor's Note: Marshall, who was 30 in 1945, never fought for the world title. He faced Moore twice in 1945, losing by decision and 10th-round stoppage in bouts that were five weeks apart. Marshall was stopped by Ezzard Charles in 1946 and again in 1947, and was subsequently kayoed by a slew of heavyweights. He went 8-9-1 in his last 18 bouts. ■

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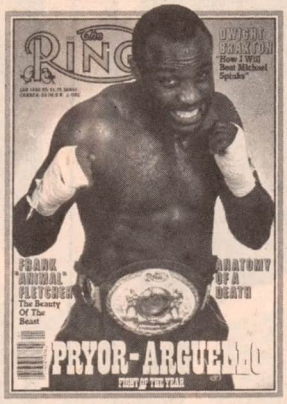

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Sept. 1983: Exclusive: Sugar Ray Leonard Talks About His Past, Present, & Future. Plus: Hagler & Duran: 'How I'll Win The Fight,' Jaime Garza, Panama Lewis, Spinks-Mustafa-Muhammad, Bobo Olson, Jack Johnson, Mustafa Hamsho, Muniz-Chandler.

Oct. 1983: (104-Page Special)—Hagler-Duran Program. Plus: Best fighter poll, Who's who?, Jose Sulaiman, Billy McNeece, Marty Servo, Milton McCory, Collin Jones.

Nov. 1983: Gerrie Coetzee: The New Heavyweight Champ Sets His Sights On Holmes. Plus: Alexis Arguello, Murray Sutherland, James J. Braddock, Muhammad Ali.

Dec. 1983: Greg Page: 'Holmes Will Never Fight Me—He's A Chicken-Livered Coward!' Plus: Hagler-Duran, Tim Witherspoon, Jake LaMotta, Cedeno-Magri, "Winners" by Leroy Neiman.

Feb. 1984: Don King Talks And Talks And Talks. Plus: Leonard's return, Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, 1983 quotes, Marvin Hagler, Johnny Bratton, Gerald Hayes, Hagler-Duran color.

March 1984: Fighter Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Plus: *The Ring's* annual awards, 1983 fight calender, Carl Williams, Jung-Koo Chang, Chandler-Ruiz (color).

April 1984: Sugar Ray Leonard: "I'm Gonna Be Better Than Ever!" Plus: *Ring's* ratings of 8,000 fighters, Henry Armstrong, Don Lee, Koji Kobayashi, Mancini-Chacon (color).

June 1984: Bumphus, Lockridge, Duva: 'That Championship Year.' Plus: Ferdie Pacheco, Harry Arroyo, Holmes-Coetzee preview, Pipino Cuevas, Aaron Pryor, Battling Nelson-Joe Gans, Witherspoon-Page.

July 1984: Bazooka's Aim Is True: Gomez Shoots Down LaPorte In The Battle For San Juan. Plus: Michael Spinks, Vinny Pazienza, Tyrone Crawley, Leonard's comback, Chandler-Sandoval, Hagler-Roldan.

Aug. 1984: *Ring* Olympic Special. Plus: Mark Breland, Sugar Ray Leonard, Frank Bruno, Bramble-Mancini (color), Hatcher-Bumphus (color).

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Oct. 1984: The Beast From The East: John Mugabi Strikes Terror In The Hearts Of Men. Plus: Bill Costello, nine gold medals, Don King, Davey Moore, memorabilia.

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Jan. 1985: Holmes-Bonecrusher Color Action. Plus: Gerry Cooney, pro debuts (Breland, Hill, Taylor, Biggs, Whitaker, Holyfield), Santos-Medal, Meza-Garza.

Feb. 1985: Showdown: Page Clobbers Coetzee For WBA Title. Plus: Larry Holmes, lightweights, Cooney-Chaplin, McCallum-Minchillo.

March 1985: Fighter Of The Year: Thomas 'Hit Man' Hearns. Plus: Year-end awards, Darrell-Estrada, Nelson-Gomez, Arroyo-Alli.

April 1985: Special Hagler-Hearns Program. Plus: British fighters, Hector Camacho, Donald Curry, British fighters, Sonny Liston.

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July 1985: Marvelous Marvin! Are There Any More Mountains To Climb? Plus: Hagler-Hearns, 10 greatest first rounds, Tyson (2-0) rates the heavys, Tubbs-Page.

Aug. 1985: Seven Elected To The Ring Hall Of Fame (Jose Napoles, Jake LaMotta, Panama Al Brown, Manuel Ortiz, Young Stribling, Thomas Jackling, Lord Lonsdale). Plus: Spinks-Holmes preview, Barry McGuigan.

Sept. 1985: Barry McGuigan: Can He Be Boxing's Savior? Plus: Carl Williams, Thomas-Weaver, Chavez-Mayweather I.

Oct. 1985: The "Macho Man" Rides Again. Plus: Dwight Muhammad Qawi, Camacho-Ramirez, Berbick-Green, Jeff Fenech, John E. Garcia, McCallum-Braxton.

Nov. 1985: Will Hagler Feast On The Beast? Plus: Hagler-Mugabi & Hearns-Shuler previews, Lonnie Smith, Pintor-Meza, Chuck Hull, Benitez-Moley.

Dec. 1985: Michael Spinks: Against All Odds. Plus: Curry-McCrory preview, McGuigan-Taylor, Alexis Arguello, Michael Olajide, Chavez-Pratchett.

Jan. 1986: In Search Of A Heavyweight Champion. Plus: Azumah Nelson, Arguello-Jefferson, Olympic update, Chicago boxing.

Feb. 1986: Mike Tyson: The Legacy Of Cus D'Amato. Plus: Rocky IV, Curry-McCrory, Teddy Mann, Kenny Lane.

March 1986: Co-Fighters Of The Year: Marvelous Marvin Hagler & Donald Curry. Plus: Special year-end awards, 1985 boxing diary, annual ratings, Evander Holyfield, Fenech-Coffee.

April 1986: Witherspoon Tames Tubbs For WBA Title. Plus: Dream fights, Greg Haugen, Tyrell Biggs, Mark Breland, Paul Gonzales, HBO tourney, Witherspoon-Tubbs, Frank Warren, Gene Tunney.

May 1986: Marvelous Marvin Tames The Beast. Plus: Hearns-Shuler, Mike Tyson, Bramble-Crawley, Sandoval-Canizales, Marvin Johnson, McGuigan-Cabrera, Arguello-Costello, Weaver-Williams.

June 1986: Barry's Back In The USA: McGuigan Breathes A Breath Of Fresh Air Into American Fight Scene. Plus: Bobby Czyz, Robbie Sims, Qawi-Holyfield preview, Berbick-Thomas, Bruno-Coetzee.

July 1986: Spinks-Holmes II: Who Really Won? Plus: Frank Bruno, Richie Sandoval, Kevin Watts, Tyson-Tillis, Boza-Edwards-Alli, Johnson-Burns.

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Aug. 1986: Is Sugar Ray Still Sweet? Plus: Lloyd Honeyghan, Tyson-Green, Cooney-Gregg, Hall of Fame (Eder Jofre, Benny Lynch, Bud Taylor, Sam McVey, Nat Langham, John Chambers), Bernardo Pinango.

Sept. 1986: Gerry Cooney vs. Mike Tyson: Who Would Win? Plus: Cruz-McGuigan, Hearns-Medal, Tyson-Gross, Sims-Duran.

Oct. 1986: Marvelous Marvin: Can Anyone Fill His Shoes? Plus: Tim Witherspoon, Holyfield-Qawi, Panama's champions, Frankie Duarte, Tyson-Frazier.

Nov. 1986: Mike Tyson: History In The Making. Plus: Tyson-Berbick preview, Spinks, Paul Gonzales, Bobby Czyz, Tyson-Ratliff, McCallum-Jackson.

Dec. 1986: The Weekend That Shook Up The Boxing World. Plus: Rosario-Bramble, Honeyghan-Curry, Butch Lewis, Buster Drayton, Johnson-Emebe, Raging Bull II.

April 1987: Hagler-Leonard Souvenir Issue. Plus: Czyz, Orlando Canizales, Mugabi-Thomas, Biggs-Snipes, Chavez-LaPorte, Bonecrusher-Witherspoon II, Haugen-Paul.

May 1987: Mike Tyson: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Year-end awards, *The Ring* annual ratings, Louie Espinoza, Herol Graham.

June 1987: Vinny Paz: Phenom Or Phony? Plus: Tyson-Bonecrusher, Mark Breland, Brian Mitchell, Evander Holyfield, Czyz-Edwards, Olajide-Lee, Curry-Montgomery.

July 1987: Spinks-Cooney: The Fight That Refused To Die. Plus: The new *Ring* ratings, Terry Marsh, George Foreman's return, Khaosai Galaxy, Hearns-Andries, Whitaker-Mayweather.

Aug. 1987: Sugar Ray: Still In Style. Plus: Leonard-Hagler, all-time heavyweight ratings, Czyz-MacDonald, Camacho-Davis.

Sept. 1987: Michael Olajide: The Look Of The Future? Plus: Tyson-Thomas, Jeff Fenech, middleweight muddle, Tsuyoshi Hamada, Juan Roldan, Harold Knight.

Oct. 1987: Special Hall Of Fame Issue: Ali Elected Unanimously! Plus: Hall of Fame directory, Spinks-Cooney, Pazienza-Haugen II, Aaron Pryor.

Nov. 1987: Tyson Wins Heavyweight Triple-Crown. Plus: Triple-crown champs, Matthew Hilton, Carlos Monzon interview, McCallum-Curry.

Dec. 1987: Spinks & Lewis: Boxing's Beastie Boys. Plus: Starling-Breland, Ramzi Hassan, Honeyghan-Hatcher, Holyfield-Ocasio.

Jan. 1988: Darrin Van Horn—Million Dollar Baby? Plus: Evander Holyfield, Hill-Stewart, Juan Coggi, great hookers, AIDS.

Feb. 1988: Gold Outshines Glitter: Tate Tops Olajide. Plus: Tyson-Biggs, Kalambay-Barkley, Hearns-Roldan, fights we'd like to see.

March 1988: Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns: "Now I Own History." Plus: Chavez-Rosario, Roger Mayweather, Rocky Lockridge, bleeders, Bruno-Bugner, Fenech-Zarate, Tony Burton.

April 1988: Evander Holyfield: Fighter Of The Year. Plus: Special year-end awards, Holyfield-Qawi II, Foreman-Sekorski, Hill-Angulo.

May 1988: Goorge Foreman: "I Can Beat Tyson." Plus: Tyson-Holmes, Jesse Benavides, Showtime, no-knockout artists.

June 1988: Sugar Ray Robinson Still The Sweetest! Plus: All-time middleweight ratings, Larry Holmes, Louie Lomeli, McGirt-Warren II, Haugen-Pazienza II.

July 1988: Special Tyson-Spinks Preview Issue. Plus: Donald Trump interview, Honeyghan-Vaca II, Foreman-Qawi, Barkley-Olajide.

Aug. 1988: Julio Cesar Chavez: The Kid From Culiacan. Plus: Holyfield, bad decisions, Lockridge-Knight, Starling-Breland II, Brown-Trice, Haugen-Santana.

Sept. 1988: Sugar Ray: Here He Comes Again! Plus: Andries-Czyz, Kid Chocolate, Don Dunphy, Don Lalonde, Andries-Czyz.

Oct. 1988: Mike Tyson: What Price Glory? Plus: Tyson-Spinks, Hearns-Barkley, Davey Moore.

Nov. 1988: Donny Lalonde: "Sugar Ray is Out Of His Mind!" Plus: Hall of Fame selections (Carlos Ortiz, Joe Brown, Billy Graham, Cus D'Amato, Jimmy Jacobs), Nunn-Tate, Molinares-Starling, Honeyghan-Chung, '88 Olympians.

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Dec. 1988: Mike Tyson Special. Plus: Leonard-Lalonde preview, Barry McGuigan, alphabet wars, Jeff Fenech, Mauro Mina, Meldrick Taylor.

Jan. 1989: Meldrick Taylor: Philly Phenom. Plus: Marvin Hagler, Alex Wallau, Taylor-McGirt, Olympic results.

Feb. 1989: Julio Cesar Chavez. Plus: Chavez-Ramirez, all-time lightweight ratings, Louie Espinoza, Simon Brown, Roger Mayweather.

March 1989: Hearns Next For Sugar Ray? Plus: Leonard-Lalonde, Prince Charles Williams, Hearns-Kinchen, Nunn-Roldan, Hines-Hilton.

May 1989: The Best Of '88. Plus: Year-end awards, Evander Holyfield, Pryor-Morales, Fenech-Navarro.

Jan. 1990: Boxing's Bible Reborn At Age 68. Plus: George Foreman (color), Mike Tyson, Carlos Monzon, Duran-Leonard III, LaMotta-Dauthuille.

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ROUND ONE

HE NO LONGER RATES: The Tokyo fallout continues. After 10 years as a member of the WBC ratings committee, England's Eric Armit has resigned. Armit joined Steve Crosson, who was the WBC's treasurer, Dickie Cole, the chairman of the ratings committee, and Duane Ford, a member of the executive committee, as officials who have recently disassociated themselves from the organization.

Sulaiman: under fire

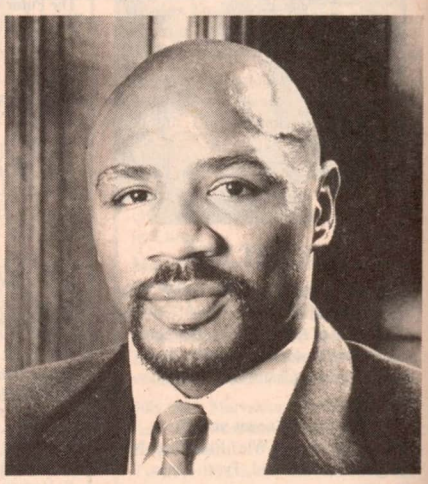
"My reasons were two-fold," said Armit. "First, Sulaiman's actions in Tokyo. In my mind, they highlighted the basic weaknesses in the man. His friendship with Don King is his Achilles heel. What's most important is its *perceived* effect, as the media sees it. King has more influence with the WBC than any member of the ratings committee.

"Second, Sulaiman's constant interference in the ratings. Two classic examples: Don Lalonde being rated number one [at light heavyweight in January 1990] after 14 months of inactivity, and Richard Clarke, who was supposed to fight [WBC flyweight champion] Sot Chitalada in a mandatory defense for months, but Sulaiman himself put pressure on Clarke's management to step aside." (Jamaica's Clarke, who has remained the number-one contender, is scheduled to challenge Chitalada in September.)

In response to Armit's charges, Sulaiman said, "If somebody asks me what I think of ingratitude, I bring up Eric Armit. [After Tokyo], Eric Armit buried 15 years of the WBC's total devotion to safety and quality for one mistake of miscommunication, which was corrected within 12 hours. I publicly apologized [for failing to immediately recognize Buster Douglas as champion] within 12 hours."

As for the Lalonde and Clarke situations, he said, "The WBC is a world organization, and we're committed to fairness and impartiality. Andries had several opportunities to become champion, and Lalonde gave boxing emotions and respect when he fought Sugar Ray Leonard. The WBC did not go against Andries, it went for both Lalonde *and* Andries.

"And Clarke is another of [Armit's] misrepresentations. Chitalada regained the title in June 1989, which means his mandatory would come by June 1990. In November [1989], at the world convention in New York, the representatives of Clarke and Chitalada reached an agreement to fight on September 7. They did not have a sooner date in Jamaica."—**Steve Farhood**



Hagler: retired for good

GOODBYE, FOR GOOD: Everything seemed set for a dramatic return: Marvin Hagler completed work on *Indio II,* returned to Massachusetts for his daughter's high school graduation, and spoke at length with longtime handlers Pat and Goody Petronelli.

"Pat had been negotiating with Bob Arum and Mike Trainer," Goody Petronelli said. "They were looking for a November date, and it was great money—$15-20-million apiece. But Marvin is interested in the movies now, and he seems to be enjoying himself there. He made it very clear he's happy, he's making good money, and he's not coming back to the ring."

While filming *Indio II* in the Philippines, reports had surfaced that Hagler was working out in every spare moment. Further fueling comeback rumors was the finalization of his divorce from Bertha Hagler in March.

"We thought that his divorce might be a factor," said Goody Petronelli. "We could understand that while going through that, he wouldn't be motivated for anything.

"Marvin looked good. He weighed 168 and was hard as nails because he runs regularly, and he has been working out."

Hagler's decision wasn't the one that the Petronellis wanted to hear, but they have accepted it as final.

"He told me, 'I know how you feel, Goody,' " Petronelli said, "and I said, 'yeah, get back in there and kick Leonard's butt, and then retire.' But he's thought about it, and decided he's

just not motivated. Don't forget, he chased Leonard for a long time. The way he told me, I'm convinced he's retired. A lot of people ask me when he's coming back, and I've never known what to say. Now I can honestly say he's definitely retired."—**Jay N. Miller**

REWRITING HISTORY: Selective memory, the hallmark of most sports books, is displayed in *Life In The Trenches Of The NFL*, the story of retired New York Jets football players Joe Klecko and Joe Fields.

Klecko talks about his days as a member of the Temple University boxing team. He claims a 25-1 amateur record, but in truth, he lost to the same opponent twice. No, it wasn't Mark Gastineau, Klecko's former teammate and archenemy who trained to become a fighter earlier this year and ultimately joined the Canadian Football League.

The man who twice whipped the 6'4", 265-pound Klecko was 6'2½", 208-pound Bruce Blair of West Chester State College. Their first fight came in March 1975, in the Eastern Intercollegiate finals. Blair earned a *unanimous* decision over the defending champion, but Klecko's version is that it was a *split* decision and that he "beat the s___ out of the son of a bitch."

"I was really pissed when I read that," said Blair, who helps train Olympic gold medalist Kennedy McKinney and hot prospect Vince Phillips in Las Vegas. "By the end of the first fight, I had his eyes rolling in his head like a slot machine."

In their rematch, Blair raged for two rounds, and Klecko quit on his stool. Klecko overlooked that loss in the book, but Blair's proof is a newspaper article and photograph. "Joe quit the second fight because he would've been knocked out," Blair said. "I just can't understand how the man can lie about his accomplishments."—**Joseph C. Tintle**

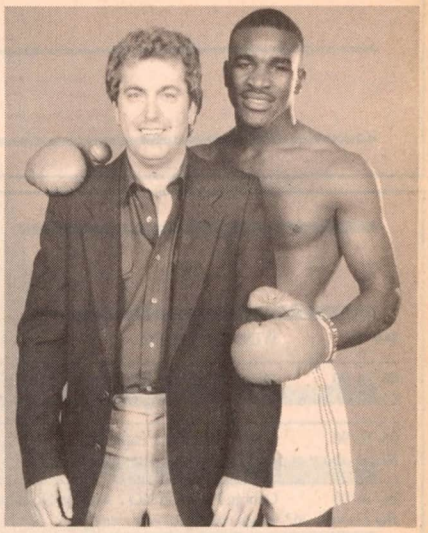
NEW DEAL: Who has fired more managers, George Steinbrenner or boxing's top-10 heavyweights? At last count, Steinbrenner still had the edge, but the heavyweights are making a run.

In June, when number-one contender Evander Holyfield fired Ken Sanders, it demonstrated that no manager, whether in pinstripes or a pinstriped suit, is safe. Citing "personal differences," Holyfield ended a seven-year partnership that began before he won the bronze medal at the 1984 Olympics. It was been reported that an error in judgment by Sanders caused Holyfield to pay an additional $600,000 in taxes last year.

"When I first started, Ken was nice and laid back," Holyfield explained. "But once we got into the money, he changed."

Holyfield, who will make $8-million for his October challenge of champion Buster Douglas, said Sanders would still be paid his 15 percent fee for that fight. But all of "The Real Deal's" affairs are now being handled by adviser Shelly Finkel, promoter Dan Duva, and attorney Neal Boortz.

"Evander was drifting [from Sanders] for a period of time," Finkel said. "Evander had grown up, and Ken treated him somewhat as a young kid."



Sanders and Holyfield: Splitsville

According to a source in Georgia, Sanders remains partners with Holyfield at the Evander Holyfield Suburu-Buick car dealership in Morrow. Sanders, though, no longer works in the office on a daily basis. "There's no reason for him to be there," said the source.

Sanders has been unavailable for comment.—**Robert Cassidy**

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Manager Beau Williford has split with former IBF cruiserweight champion Glenn McCrory . . . Former British middleweight champion Dick Turpin, 69, died in England. Turpin, the brother of world middleweight champion Randolph Turpin, was the first black fighter to win a British title . . . Francis Walker, the IBF's first ratings chairman, died at age 65. Walker served as the executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission from 1977 to 1988 . . . Lud Shahbazian, sports editor emeritus of the *Hudson Dispatch,* died at age 88. Shahbazian founded the New Jersey Boxing Writers Association and the Ring 14 Boxing Association for writers and fighters . . . The problems of former heavyweight champion Big John Tate are getting worse. In July, Tate was arrested and charged with the sale and delivery of cocaine in Knoxville, Tennessee . . . Light heavyweight Leon Calvin, 19, the oldest son of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, was shot and killed on the streets of East St. Louis, Illinois. Police found Spinks dead in his girlfriend's car. ■

Klecko (left) in a college brawl with Blair

WATCHING TV

DATE	WINNER/LOSER	DIVISION	NETWORK	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
06/14/90	Michael Carbajal KO 9 Fernando Martinez *Carbajal saves title shot by surviving shaky second round*	NABF jfl	ESPN	A-	B	B
06/16/90	Mike Tyson KO 1 Henry Tillman *Result about as predictable as April showers*	h	HBO	A	C	C-
06/16/90	George Foreman KO 2 Adilson Rodrigues *Big George, 262, keeps rolling toward title try*	h	HBO	A-	B	B-
06/18/90	Pee Wee Parker W 12 Jesus Poll *Dull one; Poll lacks power to threaten winner*	f	PN	B	B	C
06/19/90	Israel Contreras KO 1 Wilfredo Vasquez *One-punch kayo in showdown of bantam contenders*	jf	USA	B+	A-	B-
06/21/90	Johnny Tapia KO 5 Pablo Valenzuela *Second consecutive outstanding performance for winner*	USBA jb	ESPN	B+	B-	C+
06/24/90	Bobby Czyz KO 7 Andrew Maynard *Olympian upset in crossroads showdown*	lh	ABC	A-	B+	B
06/24/90	Bruce Seldon KO 2 Tommy Sandner *Prospect quick and sharp in commercial TV debut*	h	ABC	C	C	C-
06/25/90	Brett Lally KO 4 Robert Hines *The end for former junior middleweight champion?*	NABF jm	SC	B+	B+	B-
06/26/90	Fred Pendleton W 12 Tim Brooks *Brooks determined, but winner's skills prove dominant*	USBA l	USA	B+	B+	B
06/28/90	Kevin Pompey W 12 Darren Morris *Pompey chases, catches Morris in second half*	w	ESPN	B	B+	B
07/02/90	Donald Stokes KO 6 Anthony Fletcher *Stokes hurt early, rebounds in good action fight*	jw	SC	C+	C	B
07/03/90	Alex Stewart KO 7 Jamie Howe *It takes dozens of punches, but Howe finally succumbs*	h	MSG	C+	B-	B-
07/03/90	Pedro Feliciano KO 5 Louis Curtis *Grotesque knot over Curtis' left eye brings stoppage*	USBA fl	USA	B+	B	B+
07/05/90	Reggie Johnson KO 2 Greg Dickson *Single overhand left topples tight Dickson*	USBA m	ESPN	A-	B+	C
07/07/90	**Virgil Hill W 12 Tyrone Frazier** *Limited Frazier tries throughout, but Hill's skill too much*	**WBA lh**	**ABC**	**A**	**B+**	**B-**
07/08/90	Riddick Bowe KO 3 Art Tucker *Fragile Tucker rocked in predictable ending*	h	CBS	B	B	B-
07/08/90	**Jorge Paez D 12 Troy Dorsey** *Paez the sharper puncher, Dorsey the busier*	**IBF f**	**NBC**	**A**	**A-**	**B**
07/08/90	**Aaron Davis KO 9 Mark Breland** *Wild one; his eye closed, Davis scores one-punch kayo*	**WBA w**	**ABC**	**A**	**A-**	**A**
07/09/90	Quincy Taylor KO 7 Mario Gaston *Southpaw shows power in tourney final*	jm	PN	B+	B+	B+
07/10/90	Booker Word KO 9 Kemper Morton *Slow destruction; at light heavy, the word is Word*	USBA lh	USA	A-	B-	B-
07/15/90	Roger Mayweather W 10 Terrence Alli *"Mamba's" slick veteran moves overcome Alli's energy*	jw	CBS	B+	A-	B

Category explanation: "Significance"—The importance of the bout to the division and the fighters' future; "Matchup"—The quality of the fighters and the prefight determination of how their styles will mesh; "Result"—How the bout turned out, from the viewer's perspective.)

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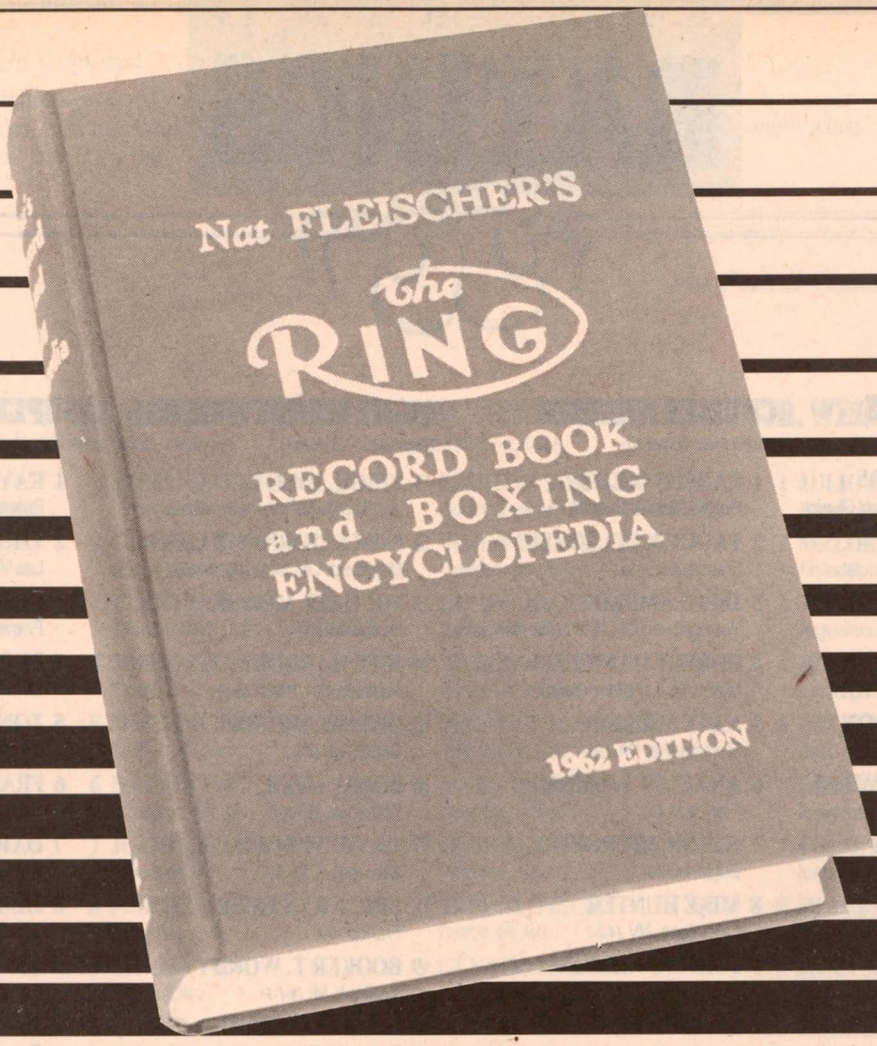

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Detroit, MI *27-2-1*

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Weight limit: 130 pounds

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South Africa *41-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 JEFF FENECH
Australia *24-0*

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Puerto Rico *21-3*

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Los Angeles, CA *19-0*

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Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA
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Phoenix, AZ *37-4-1*

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Mexico *50-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

6 MAURIZIO STECCA
Italy *38-1*

7 RICARDO CEPEDA
Bronx, NY *17-0-1*

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Venezuela *18-0*

9 RAFAEL ZUNIGA
Colombia *22-0-2*

10 PAUL HODKINSON
England *18-1-1*

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 122 pounds

1 PAUL BANKE
Quail Valley, CA *18-4 (WBC Champ)*

2 JESSE BENAVIDES
Corpus Christi, TX *31-1*

3 DANIEL ZARAGOZA
Mexico *40-5-1*

4 WELCOME NCITA
South Africa *26-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 JESUS SALUD
San Diego, CA *33-4*

6 TRACY PATTERSON
New Paltz, NY *36-2*

7 PEDRO DECIMA
Argentina *25-2*

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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

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2 **SUMBU KALAMBAY**
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Miami, FL *85-8*

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Bronx, NY *25-6*

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7 **MICHAEL WATSON**
England *22-2-1*

8 **NIGEL BENN**
England *26-1*

9 **DONALD CURRY**
Fort Worth, TX *32-3*

10 **REGGIE JOHNSON**
Houston, TX *25-1-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 **JULIAN JACKSON**
Virgin Islands *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **GIANFRANCO ROSI**
Italy *48-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **TERRY NORRIS**
Mission Valley, CA *26-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 **JOHN MUGABI**
Tampa, FL *36-3*

5 **JOHN DAVID JACKSON**
Tucson, AZ *20-0*

6 **DARRIN VAN HORN**
Lexington, KY *44-1*

7 **JULIO CESAR VASQUEZ**
Argentina *24-0*

8 **JORGE CASTRO**
Argentina *47-1-2*

9 **CHRIS PYATT**
England *30-2*

10 **QUINCY TAYLOR**
Dallas, TX *14-1*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 **MARLON STARLING**
South Windsor, CT *45-6-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **SIMON BROWN**
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BUDDY McGIRT**
Brentwood, NY *49-2-1*

4 **AARON DAVIS**
Bronx, NY *30-0 (WBA Champ)*

5 **MAURICE BLOCKER**
Washington, D.C. *31-1*

6 **MARK BRELAND**
New York, NY *27-2-1*

7 **GLENWOOD BROWN**
Plainfeild, NJ *30-1*

8 **TYRONE TRICE**
Detroit, MI *36-3*

9 **GENARO LEON**
Mexico *35-2-1*

10 **KIRKLAND LAING**
England *37-7-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Mexico *68-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Philadelphia, PA *24-1-1*

3 **JUAN COGGI**
Argentina *45-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ROGER MAYWEATHER**
Las Vegas, NV *37-6*

5 **HECTOR CAMACHO**
Big Cypress, FL *37-0*

6 **LORETO GARZA**
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9 **JOHN MEEKINS**
New York, NY *22-2-2*

10 **CHARLES MURRAY**
Essex County, NJ *16-0*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 **RAUL PEREZ**
Mexico *47-1-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **ORLANDO CANIZALES**
Laredo, TX *25-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 **LUISITO ESPINOSA**
Philippines *23-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 **ISRAEL CONTRERAS**
Venezuela *33-2-1*

5 **PEPILLO VALDEZ**
Mexico *37-3*

6 **GERARDO MARTINEZ**
San Jose, CA *23-1*

7 **KIYOSHI HATANAKA**
Japan *19-1-1*

8 **BILLY HARDY**
England *23-5-1*

9 **FERNIE MORALES**
Mexico *26-3*

10 **GREG RICHARDSON**
Youngstown, OH *26-3*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 **KHAOSAI GALAXY**
Thailand *44-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 **MOON SUNG KIL**
South Korea *12-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 **NANA KONADU**
Ghana *18-1-1*

4 **ROBERT QUIROGA**
San Antonio, TX *16-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 **THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY**
Thailand *31-1*

6 **KID AKEEM**
Las Vegas, NV *19-0*

7 **JOSE RUIZ**
Puerto Rico *16-2*

8 **JOHNNY TAPIA**
Albuquerque, NM *18-0-1*

9 **DAVID GRIMAN**
Venezuela *9-0*

10 **REY PACIONES**
Philippines *27-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 **SOT CHITALADA**
Thailand *21-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 **YUL WOO LEE**
South Korea *19-2 (WBA Champ)*

3 **DAVE McAULEY**
Ireland *15-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

4 **JUNG KOO CHANG**
South Korea *37-2*

5 **JESUS ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-2-1*

6 **RICHARD CLARKE**
Jamaica *23-2*

7 **JAVIER LUCAS**
Mexico *37-5*

8 **LEOPARD TAMAKUMA**
Japan *26-4*

9 **ROMY NAVARETTE**
Philippines *36-9-1*

10 **YONG KANG KIM**
South Korea *20-2*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 **JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ**
Junior Welterweight

2 **PERNELL WHITAKER**
Lightweight

3 **MICHAEL NUNN**
Middleweight

4 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Featherweight

5 **MELDRICK TAYLOR**
Junior Welterweight

6 **BUSTER DOUGLAS**
Heavyweight

7 **MIKE TYSON**
Heavyweight

8 **RAUL PEREZ**
Bantamweight

9 **YUH MYUNG WOO**
Light Flyweight

10 **HUMBERTO GONZALEZ**
Light Flyweight

KATZ SCAN

LOVE AND PAIN

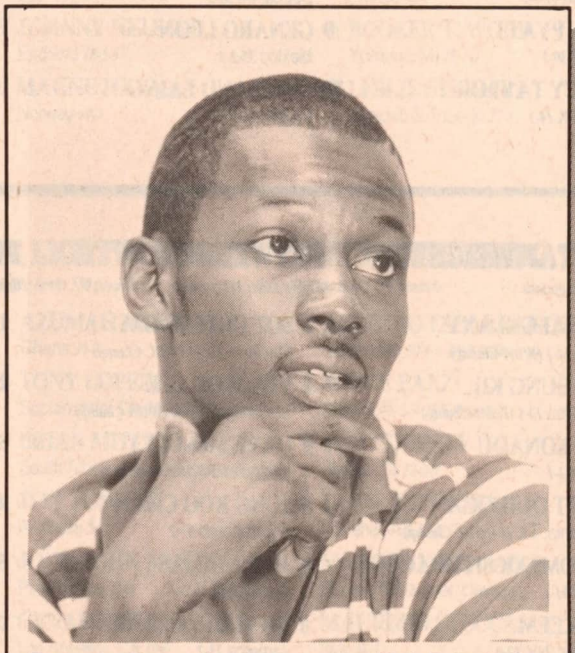
By Michael Katz

We all fall in love with fighters, and sooner of later, it hurts. Muhammad Ali dropped by a Joe Frazier hook and Roberto Duran saying *no mas;* Aaron Pryor self-destructing; Leon Spinks being jeered; Marvin Hagler becoming angry with me because I picked Sugar Ray Leonard; Larry Holmes losing to the judges, and Hector Camacho drifting away. No matter how it hurts, we soothe them in their dark hours, rationalize away the disappointments, forgive them when they break our hearts. It is a small price to pay for the involvement. It is better to have loved and weeped . . .

Mark Breland was my eight-year-old daughter's first crush. It was an adorable choice, one that brought hearty parental approval. Mark was, well, different, and even back when I mistakenly took him for the second coming of Sugar Ray Robinson, there was a side to him that defied easy description. Maybe it was the first time he told me how as a kid growing up in Bedford-Stuyvesant, he used to walk away from fights, neither ashamed nor boastful of a trait that was uncommon among his peers. He was different, more soft voice than hard punch. Some fighters are only that, fighters. People like Mark transcend boxing.

It's not like we're bosom buddies. We've never really socialized. There is, I hate to admit, an age gap. Yet I always felt I could ask a favor of a man who very quietly did a lot of favors for a lot of people. The Bed-Stuy gym where he grew up had to close because of financial problems? Mark didn't call any press conferences; he helped refinance it.

My daughter Moorea was on vacation with her grandparents, out of the country, when Mark was knocked out by Aaron Davis. She had suffered a much more terrible loss earlier in the year, and when her mother died, Mark comforted her. I said to Mark, "I'm not sure what to tell the kid about your fight."



Former two-time welterweight champion Mark Breland often seems lost in the violent, insensitive world of pro boxing.

"Just tell her," he said softly, "that I said 'Hi.' "

Moorea was still upset, even when I explained on an overseas phone call that Mark was fine physically and maybe wouldn't fight anymore. But shadows cross the mind when the ego is upset and Mark was always fighter enough, athlete enough, to take pride in his ability.

"No one wants to go out like this," he said.

But he knows that it will not be easy for him anymore, that other fighters will, as the fighter says, "smack their lips, bring on Breland." He says it is something else he has to think about. He was lovingly managed by Shelly Finkel, who did more than keep him away from the real dangers of professional boxing. Finkel made it possible for Mark to retire even before he threw a punch for money by converting a $1-million signing bonus into an annuity that, when Breland turns 31 in less than four years, will start paying $100,000 a year for life.

Shelly's tender care kept Mark from most tough fights. The manager's heart couldn't take them. After the Davis fight, tears in his eyes, he said he just couldn't "watch Mark getting hurt." Mark does that to you. He makes you care, he makes you weep.

But Finkel is smart enough not to demand Breland retire. He knows if

Mark does decide to come back, "I have to be there to encourage him." Meanwhile, we do what we can to divert Mark. It shouldn't be that difficult because Mark has never worn blinkers as far as his ring career was concerned. He always saw he had other opportunities.

"It's more of a challenge, wanting to come back," he said as we sat in his spotless Manhattan two-bedroom apartment. "Way I look at it, God gave me a lot of gifts, now it's a trial where He gives me a disappointment and says it's up to you how you handle it."

Mark need not handle it with his fists. His gifts include the ability to act. If he wants, he can probably become a rocket scientist or a brain surgeon. His fingers look born to play concert piano. Shelly says he would love to take Mark in to help manage young fighters. "What better man could I get?" he said.

Finkel lined up a role for Breland in Odets' *Golden Boy*. Mark doesn't play the fighter; he plays the trainer. Finkel got ABC to televise Mark reading for the role. Got him a tryout for a role in an HBO movie.

When I advised him to retire two years ago, after the rematch with Marlon Starling, he was not offended. "Some people told me that because they wanted to sound wise," he said. "I know there were others who were thinking of me." He is not offended that I wish he would retire now.

My wife died in January. Mark was in London at the time, doing a press conference for his March bout with Lloyd Honeyghan. Yet he called my home, and when told that my daughter and I were out, he called back later, 2 a.m. London time. He spoke gently to Moorea.

"What did he tell you?" I asked her when Mark had finished.

"Take care of the big guy," she reported with a big grin.

A couple of days later, Mark returned to New York. He went from the airport to his apartment, grabbed a shower and a change, and within a half-hour was at the memorial services. Moorea cried when she saw him.

Several weeks later, I had the opportunity of slipping over to London to cover the Honeyghan fight, and with the permission of Moorea's second-grade teacher, a Londoner himself, I was able to take her out of school for a few days.

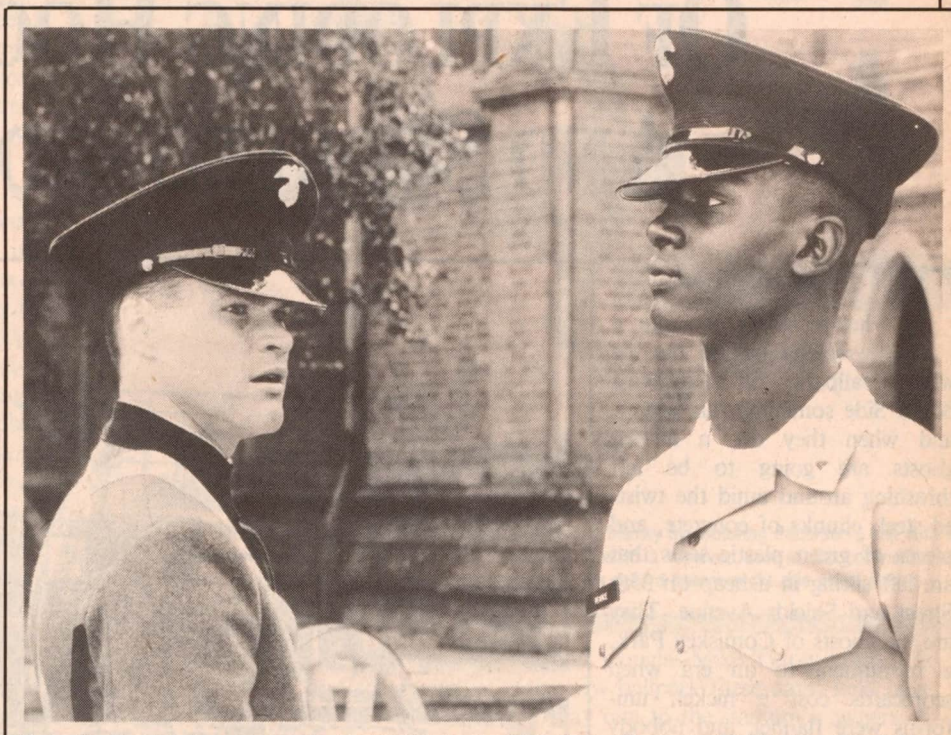
Moorea has been hanging around heavybags and training rings since she was four weeks old, but she had never been to a live fight. She sat with her grandfather, the only Englishman in Wembley Arena rooting for Breland. He, too, was touched by Breland's genuine caring.

Mark Breland was not the greatest fighter in the world, though I do not apologize for thinking one day he might be. I was not alone. He easily beat Honeyghan, to Moorea's delight, though of course this was no great feat. But on Honeyghan's best day in 1986, at the postfight press conference after he upset Donald Curry, his manager, Mickey Duff, spotted Breland in the room and said, "Sorry, Mark, but there's no way we'll ever fight you."

Mark hit hard. Do not ever forget that. Starling beat him twice—I discount the judges' scoring of a draw in the rematch—and knew he had Mark's number, but he never wanted to call it again. Starling knew in his heart of hearts he could beat Simon Brown again, yet turned down $750,000 for a showdown because it was stipulated that the winner would get $1.25-million to fight Mark. Starling may have won, but not even prime Curry, in two victories, ever did to his body and face what Mark did in two losses.

At his best, Breland was as elegant as a python, and he had the body to match. His resiliency, his resistance, were always suspect. Then the chin became unraveled against Davis. The first jab to touch him, he wobbled. He staggered back, thought to himself, *Oh, my God, whoa.*

Against Davis, he was in trouble after every punch that landed on him, yet he fought back gallantly, had Davis' right eye virtually shut, his face a contour map of lumps and pain.



Breland's film debut came opposite David Keith in the 1983 drama *The Lords Of Discipline*. The fighter's performance was well-received. Unlike most fighters who try Hollywood, Breland wasn't asked to play a fighter.

"People say they have a lot more respect for me now," he said, rather bemused. "Taking a beating and fighting, that makes a fighter out of you.

"That makes you a nut, too."

He said, "There are worse things than losing a fight. I got my health, I got my life. There are people out there who are homeless, who have to eat out of garbage cans. I've got a home, I've got an apartment, my mother's got a home. I can't get down on myself because I lost.

"I always said I don't want to be known as a great fighter. I want to be known as a good person."

I want him to be known as a great actor. I don't ever want to have to tell Moorea that Mark was hurt. ■

RYAN

OUT LOUD

OF EXPLODING HOOKS AND SCOREBOARDS

By Jeff Ryan

They're going to take a wrecking ball to the big white ballpark on Chicago's South Side sometime this winter, and when they do, a lot of ghosts are going to be left thrashing around amid the twisted steel, chunks of concrete, and pieces of green plastic seats that are left sitting in a heap on 35th Street and Shields Avenue. They are the ghosts of Comiskey Park, a monument to an era when scorecards cost a nickel, uniforms were flannel, and nobody knew what a luxury skybox was.

John Lennon's ghost will be there, a reminder of the time The Beatles played Comiskey in 1967. Long before they were the St. Louis Cardinals and then the Phoenix Cardinals, football's red birds resided in Chicago. Their ghosts will be wearing the same sneakers the Cardinals wisely donned in their win over the slipping and sliding Philadelphia Eagles on a snowy Comiskey field in the 1947 NFL title game.

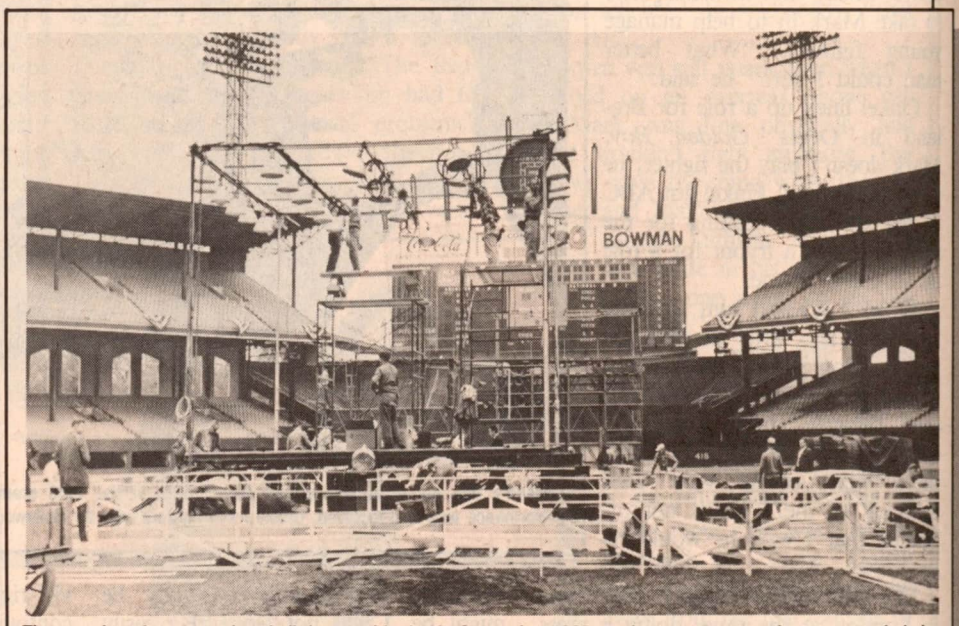
There will be ghosts in polyester shirts, the ghosts of a disco era that started to die right there in centerfield on "Disco Demolition Night" in 1979. The idea was for everybody to bring their disco records to burn in a giant bonfire between games of a doubleheader. Instead, a riot broke out.

There will be wrestling ghosts, too, and, of course, so many baseball ghosts. Before "Shoeless" Joe Jackson of the Chicago White Sox turned up in an Iowa cornfield in *Field Of Dreams*, he was last seen in Comiskey Park with a bunch of guys wearing black Sox during the 1919 World Series. The stadium played host to three World Series, as a matter of fact, and one *Whirl* Series, the championship of roller derby. Have you ever seen a ghost on roller skates?

The White Sox will be moving into a new stadium directly across the street next April. Their beloved current home will become, you guessed it, a parking lot. Thankfully, there won't be a ceiling for the shortstop to look up at while chasing a popup in the new place, nor will there be any of that offensive Astroturf. And they've at least had the good sense to name the new place Comiskey Park, not Support Hose Stadium or Carlton Fisk Field.

Still, something will be missing when the Comiskey sequel opens next spring, something more than the cathedral windows, or the picnic area built into the outfield wall, or the shower stall in the centerfield bleachers. What will be missing is a rich boxing tradition.

Yes, off and on throughout Comis-

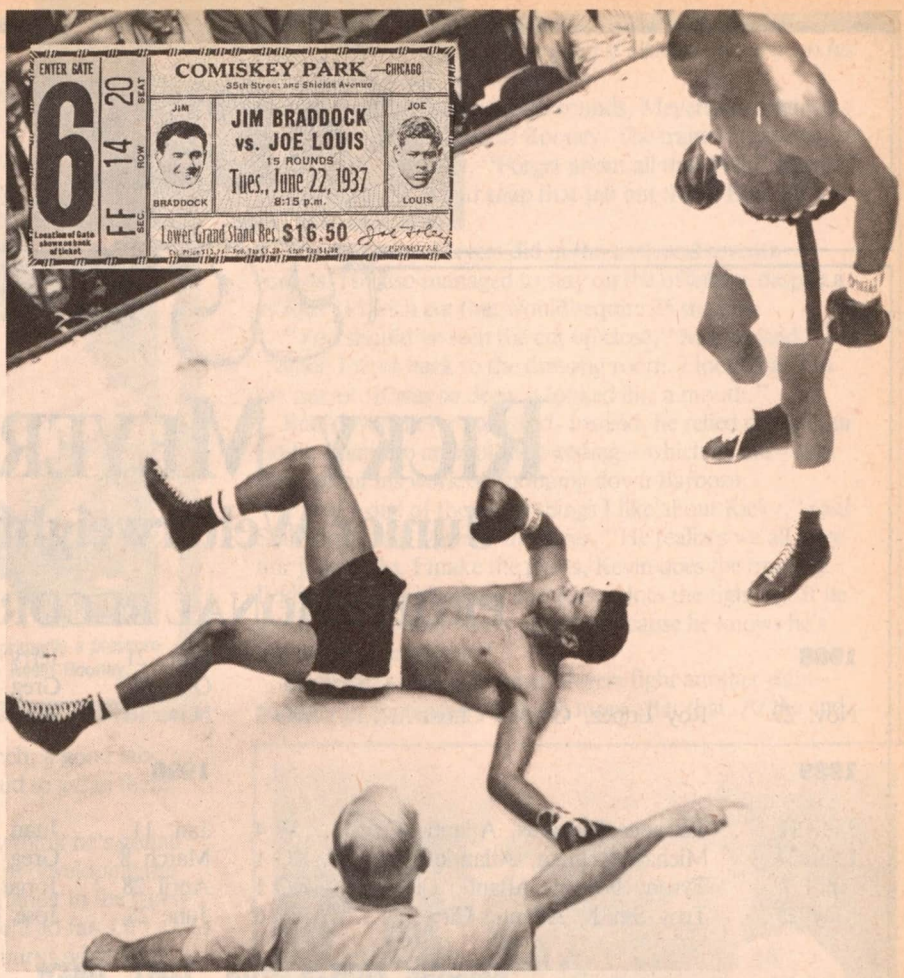


The scoreboard suggests baseball, but on this day in September 1962, workers are constructing a squared circle and turning Comiskey Park into the focus of the boxing world. One day later, Sonny Liston, in the tradition of Chicago's hit men, took out Floyd Patterson. It was Comiskey's third—and last—heavyweight title fight.

key Park's 80 years, it was a spot where the eyes of the fight world focused. Joe Louis' left hook exploded there long before the famous scoreboard ever did. Sonny Liston proved to be as prolific a longball hitter in Comiskey as Dick Allen ever was. And Sugar Ray Robinson turned a pivot at second base—the spot where the ring was always set up—better than Luis Aparicio could ever dream of doing.

"I rather like the place," says former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, who, ironically, suffered the worst night of his career there. "It's a beautiful place, an easy place for the fans to get to because of the trains and the highways that go by there. It impressed me."

Comiskey Park could never be considered a home of champions when it came to baseball, but it certainly played host to many boxing titlists. Sammy Mandell lifted the lightweight crown from Rocky Kansas there with a 10-round decision in 1926. Middleweight king Mickey Walker retained the title with a 10-round split decision over Ace Hudkins in 1928. And the finest fighter of them all, Robinson, retained the welterweight crown with a unanimous decision over Bernard Docusen in 1948.



The feared Liston writes a shocking chapter in Comiskey's boxing history by capturing Patterson's title with a first-round shellacking (above). In June 1937, $16.50 entitled fans to a reserved seat at the coronation of Louis, who kayoed Braddock in the eighth round and began his record heavyweight title reign (inset).

The most famous Comiskey Park bouts, though, were the three heavyweight title fights that played there, each of which was unforgettable in its own way.

● **Joe Louis K0 8 James J. Braddock, June 22, 1937:** The 23-year-old Louis gets off to a shaky start in his first try for the title as he is floored by a short right from champion Braddock in round one, and clearly outpunched in round two. But Louis takes command in the third, rocking Braddock repeatedly in every round thereafter, and finally finishing him with a pulverizing right in the eighth. "I don't see how he stood up as long as he did under the beating I gave him," Louis said afterward. How's this for a sign of the times? *The Washington Post* reported that the bout was witnessed by a "disapppointing small crowd of 51,000."

● **Ezzard Charles W 15 Jersey Joe Walcott, June 22, 1949:** Twelve years to the day that Louis won the heavyweight crown, Charles and Walcott meet for the title that Louis vacated with his retirement. Both contenders are overly cautious, and the crowd of 25,392 is lulled into a stupor by a fight that *The Ring* publisher Nat Fleischer would later call, "the dance of the mediocre." Proving the less mediocre of the two, Charles wins by scores of 78-72, 78-72, and 77-73.

● **Sonny Liston KO 1 Floyd Patterson, September 25, 1962:** Ignoring the wishes of manager Cus D'Amato, weak-chinned champ Patterson insists on facing murderous puncher Liston and is kayoed in just 2:06. With a crowd of about 22,000 watching in person (and an estimated 750,000 more viewing on closed-circuit TV), Liston puts the champion down for the count with a right to the body and a hook to the head.

For the boxing historian, there might be less mourning of the passing of old Comiskey Park if there were at least some promise of resuming the fistic tradition in Comiskey II. But that's hardly likely to happen.

If a promoter wanted to stage a Buster Douglas-Mike Tyson rematch in the new ballpark these days, he'd have to pay rent to the stadium's owners. If he offered that same fight to Las Vegas or Atlantic City, Steve Wynn, Caesars Palace, or Donald Trump would *pay the promoter* for the right to stage it. Common cents suggests that the days of big fights in big stadiums is passe.

"And that's too bad," says Patterson. "I always liked fighting in the big stadiums like Comiskey Park, Yankee Stadium, the Polo Grounds [another wrecking-ball victim of, ahem, progress]. It gave you much more of a feeling of importance than you had in an indoor arena with limited seats."

Comiskey Park gave an awful lot of people a feeling of importance through the past 80 years. Sadly, the last people who will ever feel that way will be wearing hardhats, carrying sledgehammers, and tearing down a proud giant of a ballyard some day this winter.

Hopefully, it will be a rainy day.

Let the ghosts have a good cry. ■

NEW
FACES

RICKY MEYERS
Junior Welterweight

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1988			
		Sept. 21	Jerry Massey, Atlantic City ..... KO 2
		Oct. 26	Greg Cadiz, Atlantic City..... KO 2
Nov. 29	Roy Lopez, Corpus Christi..... KO 3	Nov. 16	John Garner, Atlantic City..... KO 1
1989		**1990**	
Jan. 31	Terrance Richards, Atlantic City ..... W 4	Jan. 11	Juan Rivera, Atlantic City..... KO 2
Feb. 24	Michael Kelman, Atlantic City..... KO 1	March 8	Greg Keyes, Atlantic City..... KO 1
April 7	Tyrone Nelson, Atlantic City ..... KO 1	April 28	Jorge Ojeda, Atlantic City..... KO 2
May 25	Troy Smith, Atlantic City ..... W 6	June 28	Jose Barboza, Albany ..... KO 7

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By Joseph C. Tintle

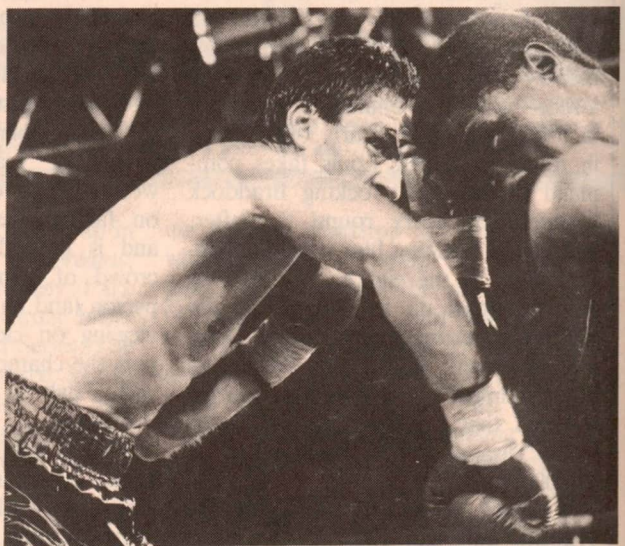
The first few times Ricky Meyers fought on television, the graphics operators always spelled his name incorrectly. "And no matter how many times I told them it was spelled M-E-Y-E-R-S," said the 23-year-old junior welterweight, "they kept putting up M-Y-E-R-S."

During one fight, an observant graphics operator spotted the fighter's name on his trunks and made the correction. "But instead of writing that I was from the Port Reading section of Woodbridge, New Jersey," Meyers said, "he punched up that I was from Port *Redding*. By my next fight, *Reading* was spelled right, but then they said I was from Reading, *Pennsylvania*."

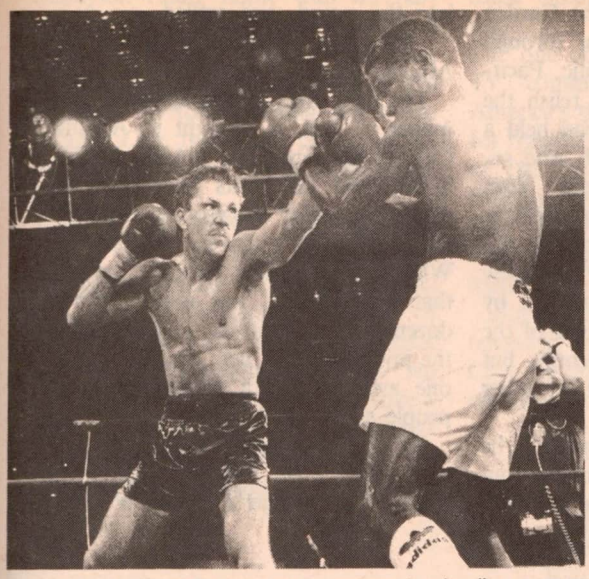
So Meyers did something he's never done in the ring. He threw up his hands in disgust.

The factual errors notwithstanding, Meyers, who was 63-12 as an amateur and won four consecutive New Jersey Golden Gloves titles, has compiled a pro record of 12-0 and established himself as one of the most exciting young fighters in boxing.

"I call him a miniature Mike Tyson," said his trainer, Kevin Rooney, who used to train the former heavyweight



Overcoming a 25-stitch cut over his right eye, a frustrated Meyers accelerated and wore down Barboza with powerpunches. It was his 12th pro win.



Meyers often jabbed at Barboza, but the prospect is primarily a pressure fighter who uses the peek-a-boo defense taught by Kevin Rooney.

champion. "Ricky's got a powerful punch, a good jab, good head movement, and he's not afraid to get in there and mix it up.

"And you know what? I really, really think he's gonna be a world champ in two years if he keeps developing the way he is. Right now, he wants to be a fighter in the worst way. So the odds are pretty good that he'll go far. Of course, it depends on how long the fire burns within him. But this is boxing. In a year or so, he may make me look like a genius, or he might not."

If the seventh and final round of his scheduled eight-rounder with Jose Barboza was any indication, Meyers has the fire to win. Ignoring a deep, jagged cut along his right eyebrow, which he sustained from a butt in the fourth round, he scored with a right uppercut that sent Barboza stumbling backward into the ropes.

Meyers, who is nicknamed "The Rock," then moved in and lifted a left uppercut to the jaw, followed by two right uppercuts. The last punch snapped Barboza's head upward and dropped him.

Barboza rose at the count of seven, but the fight was stopped.

"I could tell that I drilled the guy good," said Meyers, "because it felt as if my knuckles were pushing through the leather and making an imprint on his jaw. It was scary."

Barboza had had only two more pro fights than Meyers, but he fought like a wily veteran, trying to take Meyers out of his fight plan, which called for constant jabbing and head movement.

For five rounds, Barboza stayed on the move, preventing Meyers from landing his powerpunches and stiff jabs. Barboza clinched whenever Meyers came inside, often throwing low blows to unsettle the Jersey fighter. And when Meyers connected with punishing blows, the Venezuelan just smirked.

"I admit that he got me mad," Meyers said. "Here we both were trying to hurt one another, and he's showing me no respect. So I started winging wild punches all over the place. He wanted to get me out of my plan, and that's just what he did. And instead of picking my punches, all I kept thinking was, *Wouldn't it be great if I knock this guy on his ass right now.*"

Between the fifth and sixth rounds, Meyers complained about Barboza's tactics to Rooney. The trainer, however, showed no sympathy. "Forget about all that bull," he said. "Move your head and snap that jab out there. Box this kid."

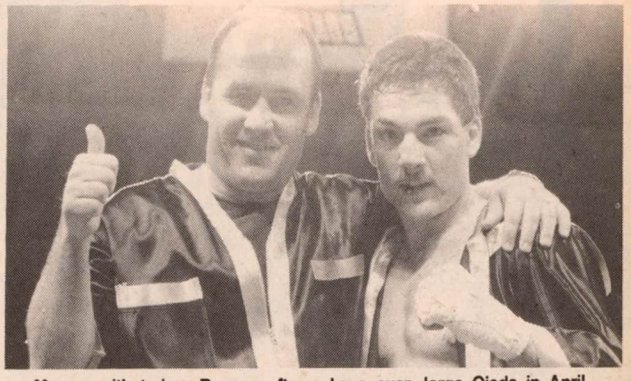
Which is what Meyers did in the sixth and seventh rounds. He also managed to stay on the offensive despite a vicious 1½-inch cut that would require 25 stitches.

"You should've seen the cut up close," Meyers said. "When I went back to the dressing room, I looked at it in the mirror. It was so deep, it looked like a mouth."

But Meyers never panicked. Instead, he relied on cutman Eddie Aliano to control the bleeding—which he did—and went about his work of chopping down Barboza.

"That's one of the many things I like about Ricky," said Stan Hoffman, Meyers' manager. "He realizes we all have our jobs to do. I make the fights, Kevin does the training, Eddie stops the bleeding, and Ricky does the fighting. If he gets cut, he doesn't worry about it because he knows he's got help in the corner."

Hoffman's plan is to have Meyers fight another eight-rounder in September, and one more after that. At the end



Meyers with trainer Rooney after a kayo over Jorge Ojeda in April.

of the year, Meyers will jump to a 10-rounder.

"By the second quarter of next year," Hoffman said, "I'd like Ricky to fight for the USBA title. If he's successful, I think he'll be ranked somewhere in the top 10 in the world ratings. And at some point in 1992, after he's had 12 or 14 more fights, he'll go for a title shot."

The timetable seems reasonable. All that worries Team Meyers is the fighter's tender skin. His eyes have been sliced and diced more than his handlers would like to acknowledge.

"To some extent," Meyers said, "getting cut is out of my control. But I've got to improve my defense and hope for the best. Hope that I'm not a bleeder like Chuck Wepner."

Meyers has often had to fight through a mask of blood, but his dreams of winning a world title are perfectly clear. He admits to fantasizing about the money and prestige that will go along with the title, but he added that he intends to remain Ricky Meyers.

"Right now I'm living at home with my mother and sister," he said. "So I'd like to get my own house with any money I make. But beyond that, I don't really see myself doing anything different, anything wild. I see what some fighters do after they get rich and famous. I just want to remain true to myself." ■

HEAVYWEIGHT PROSPECT
BRUCE SELDON
The "Other" Atlantic City's Best Bet

By Jeff Ryan

He stared at the ring as if mesmerized, watching with a perspective few ringsiders in this town ever have. For most of the crowd at Atlantic City's Convention Hall Ballroom, the only thing significant about the guy with Arnold Schwarzenegger's build facing the guy with Maria Shriver's killer instinct was that it seemed certain to end quickly. If the rest of the card moved as fast, maybe, just maybe, getting home wouldn't be a chore. Sunday shore traffic, after all, could be brutal.

He, too, hoped it would end quickly, but for a different reason. He would head home not on the Garden State Parkway, but on foot through streets with names like Atlantic, Pacific, and Baltic. Today, he'd relish the chance to do so with his head held a bit higher, his spirits boosted. And so, when Bruce Seldon forced Tom Sandner to quit in his corner after the second round, the homeboy in the third row was ecstatic. For he knew the win, Seldon's 14th straight (11 by kayo) was not just another part of the emergence of the fighter's identity, but the identity of a whole lot of other people, as well.

"Keep it going, Big Bruce," he screamed, a lone voice standing out amid the murmuring and the pumped-in music. "Bring the belt to Atlantic City." Seldon turned around, looked into the crowd, and smiled.

"Bring it to Atlantic City, Bruce. To Atlantic City!"

The belt, every belt imaginable, as a matter of fact, is brought to Atlantic City all the time. The NABF, USBA, WBA, and IBF belts have been on display in casino showrooms more often than Cher's navel. So has the WBC's green plastic atrocity, the one that looks like it was made from a dozen melted Gumbys. And yes, even the invisible WBO belt, you know, the one awarded for a world title most people say doesn't exist.

All the belts arrive, but none ever stay. They leave town tucked in the trunk of a manager's BMW, or cling-

ing to the waist of an excited new champion riding home with his parents, or sitting in a suitcase on a plane bound for Detroit or L.A. They leave because there is no mantlepiece or trophy case in town waiting for them. Atlantic City, the boxing capital of the world, has never had a homegrown champ.

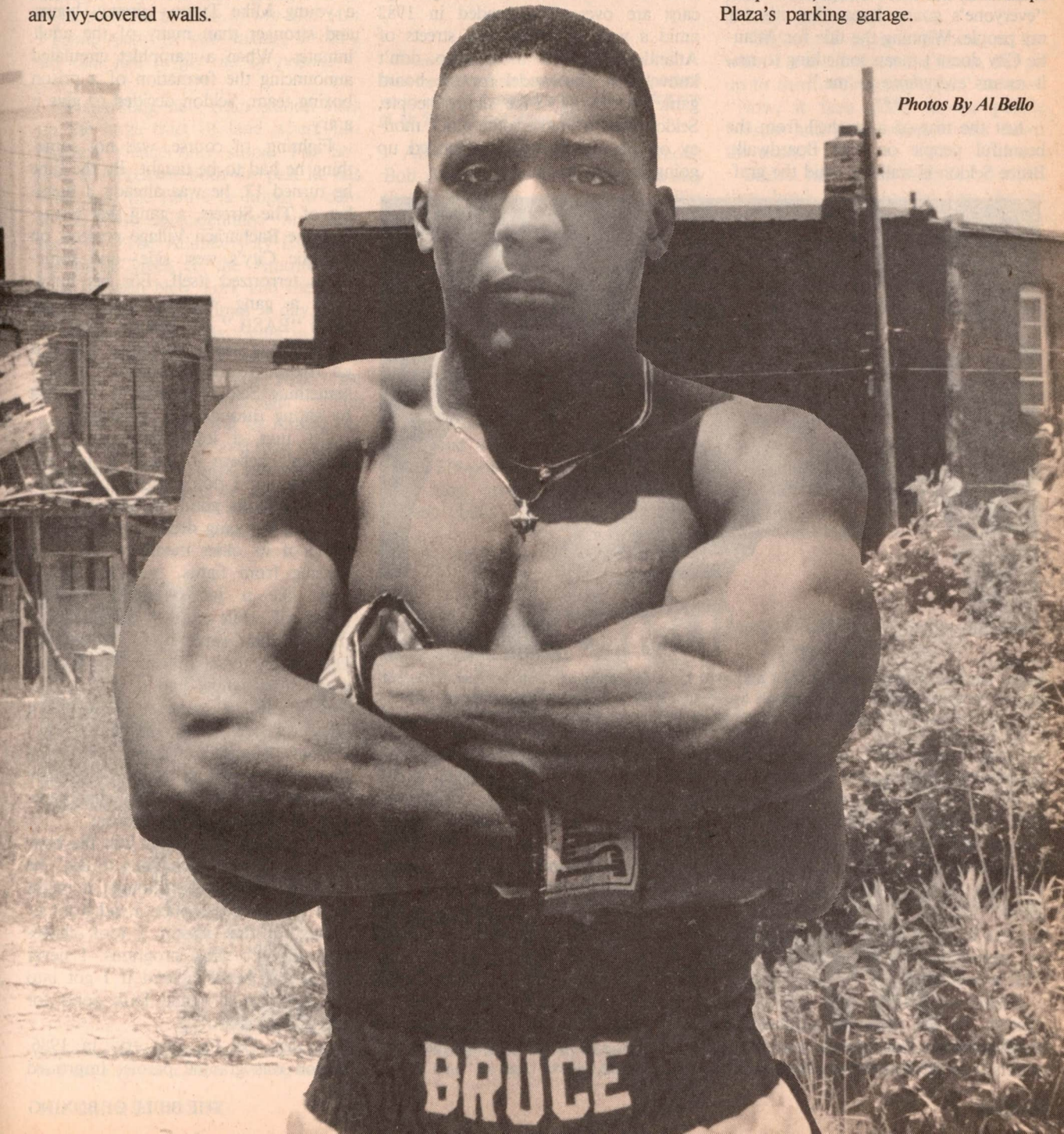
To many people, that probably doesn't seem odd. After all, resort cities spawn caddies and tennis instructors, not prizefighters. No native of Las Vegas or Palm Springs or Aspen ever won the heavyweight title. No "Club Med Clubber" has yet to take a place alongside "The Brockton Blockbuster" and "The Easton Assassin" on any ivy-covered walls.

But in a way, it is quite odd, because Atlantic City is not your usual resort. It is instead a tale of two cities. The one on the postcards and in the TV commercials glitters like Miss America's tiara. It's a picture—suitable for framing—of Boardwalk and beach, of The Taj Mahal's onion domes, the Roman gladiators standing outside Caesars, and the lights of Bally's Park Place illuminating the city in a violet haze.

But a mere two blocks away is the boundary line of the "other" Atlantic City, the one that sits uneasily under a *violent* haze. It is what most of Atlantic City looks like: a never-never land of boarded-up storefronts, bullet holes in restaurant doors, drunks stretched across benches, and too many streets like Houston Avenue, where signs on front porches proclaim: THIS BUILDING IS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

It is burned-out buildings and burned-out people, a city where culture is found in a bottle. There is no movie theater in Atlantic City, but, it seems, there's a liquor store on every block. For many, that's the only escape. When the locals say, "The Thunderbird," you see, they're always talking to the guy behind the counter selling cheap wine, never the valet in Trump Plaza's parking garage.

Photos By Al Bello



Amid the rubble, but in sight of the rubles, 23-year-old Bruce Seldon, Atlantic City's native son, lives and trains in preparation for the day when he will leave a small brick house, ala Rocky Balboa, hop into his car, and then drive across town to fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. It will happen sometime in 1991, he figures, and when it does, don't expect to hear him complaining to HBO's Larry Merchant about the quality of life he has long known, or talking about some dream house he can't wait to build miles away in the country.

"When I'm in the ring, beatin' the s____ out of the champ," he says, "everyone's gonna know that it's for my people. Winning the title for Atlantic City doesn't mean something to me, it means *everything* to me."

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Just the toss of a seashell from the beautiful people on The Boardwalk, Bruce Seldon is walking amid the graffiti and broken glass of one of the downtown area's bleaker streets. Within minutes of his arrival, three black girls, the oldest no more than 13, approach. They are gazing at Seldon, the old kid on this block, as though he was one of the New Kids On The Block.

"It's Bruce!" the one with the braces gasps, as her girlfriends giggle. "He's *cuuuute.*"

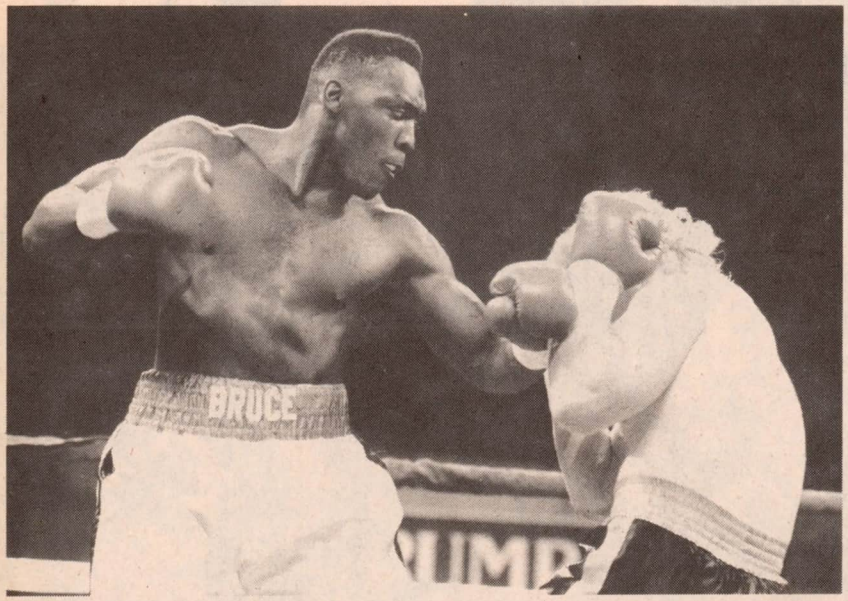
Seldon is speaking with one of the visitors he is showing around the neighborhood. The fighter's trio of admirers, too nervous to speak to him, walks up to one of the strangers instead.

"Who's he gonna fight?" the one with the braces asks.

"Maybe Buster Douglas someday," she is told.

"Oooh," she says. The name is instantly recognizable, but so too is the realization that she'll most likely never have her hands on a ticket, not even one for the cheap seats. "I wanna see them fight," she says, pointing not toward Convention Hall or TropWorld, but to a spot a few feet in front of her on the street. *"Right here."*

Sorry, girls, but Bruce Seldon's days of trading punches under streetlamps and in between overturned garbage cans are over. They ended in 1982 amid a wail of sirens. The streets of Atlantic City, for those who don't know, were the model for the board game Monopoly. Like many people, Seldon tried to make some quick money on Pacific Avenue, but ended up going directly to jail.



Seldon received precious exposure when ABC aired his June rumble with Tom Sandner. Sadly outclassed, Sandner surrendered after Seldon's two-round display of combination punching and superior hand speed. The heavyweight prospect, a product of the "other" Atlantic City, is 14-0 (11).

"It was a stickup," he explained while sitting on the steps of his house in the city's Inlet section. "Two ladies in front of Caesars. It was very early in the morning, 5:30 or 6:00. There was me and another guy. We knew that if we didn't do it then, we wouldn't do it. We had a revolver, and we grabbed their purses and started running out of fright. I was running toward home, and the police chased me with cars and on foot. They got me 45 minutes later. Boxed me in on the street. I kinda gave in. I was tired. And scared."

At 15, an age when many kids are finally learning to appreciate adolescence, Seldon was standing in a courtroom and listening to a judge sentence him to 10 years in jail, with a minimum of four years to be served before parole.

"When you hear them tell you you're going away for 10 years, it's like two people are standing on either side of your heart and pulling it apart," Seldon says. "You swallow your whole life up in your throat."

Seldon was sent to the Annandale Correctional Facility, "a place that either makes a man or a mouse out of you real quick." Though just a teen, he was—in much the same manner as a young Mike Tyson—already bigger and stronger than many of the adult inmates. When a pamphlet circulated announcing the formation of a prison boxing team, Seldon decided to give it a try.

Fighting, of course, was not something he had to be taught. By the time he turned 12, he was already a member of The Streets, a gang that terrorized the Bacharach Village projects on Atlantic City's west side—and sometimes terrorized itself. For his initiation, a gang member stenciled the word "BASIL" on Seldon's chest, using a sewing needle and India ink. It is an Islamic word that means "brave," something Seldon proved he was just by sitting through the procedure.

"It hurt a lot," he says. "You wouldn't believe it. Islam is not my religion, but I don't regret the tattoo. It kinda looks good on television."

Once, the gang decided that because some of its older members had teeth missing from fights, everyone should look like a jack-o'-lantern. Seldon stood still while another gang member punched him squarely in the mouth. One of his teeth, however, only loosened, so a dentist had to pull it out. Today, Seldon wears a false tooth whenever he's not in the ring.

That toughness (craziness?) served him well in prison, and in 1986, he won the super heavyweight championship of all New Jersey prisons.

"At first, I decided to join the boxing team just for something to do," he explains. "But I also thought it might help me get out sooner. I did a lot of things for that reason. I took classes and got into drug programs. I never did drugs, but I figured if I got into the program it would look good for the parole board."

It did. On his first try, in 1986, Seldon was granted parole. Impressed

by his interest in boxing, the parole board said it would give him a chance to pursue his career. On the day he was released, Seldon returned home, cried with his parents, then told everyone he wanted to be alone. He went walking . . . and walking . . . and walking. For hours. All over town. By nightfall, he found himself alone on the beach. The crashing of the waves, the smell of the salty air, the cry of the seagulls, they were all celebrations of the joys of freedom. It was wonderful.

And it was terrifying.

"On the beach, I was trying to get my thoughts together," he says. "It felt so good to be out, but I was wondering, *Now, what am I going to do? What's gonna become of my life? Am I gonna really get into boxing, or did I say that just to get out of prison?*

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A sparkling new train station rises on the large tract of land where Bacharach Village once stood. For Seldon, it represents both the past he has razed and the future he hopes to construct. Not coincidentally, his nickname is "The Atlantic City Express," the name given to the Amtrak that runs between New York and the gambling center several times a day.

"Bruce has had six fights in 1990, and we plan about six more before he fights for the title," says Rocco De Persia, Seldon's co-manager. "The next few opponents will be ranked between 15th and 30th, and then we'll go after one or two guys ranked higher than that. In a year or so, he should be ready."

Even the NBA's most intimidating power forwards would back off if defending the basket during one of Air Seldon's monstrous thunder dunks.

An unidentified source at promoter Bob Arum's Top Rank told *Newsday* that Seldon has more natural ability than either Riddick Bowe or Top Rank's own Ray Mercer, '88 Olympic medalists who are being touted as the best of today's crop of heavyweight prospects. Said the source, "Seldon's our secret weapon."

Seldon's biggest attributes are incredibly quick hands, a physique that is probably the second-best in the division (behind only, perhaps, Frank Bruno's), and a dominant jab. But if the 6'3", 215-pounder has one advantage over most prospects, it's his natural athletic ability. On this day, it didn't take much urging to get him to put it on display.

Stopping at a playground in his old neighborhood, Seldon grabs a basketball from the trunk and, without so much as a minute of stretching or warmup, races across the court, takes off from just inside the foul line, and jams the ball through the hoop. Just in case that's not impressive enough, Air Seldon moves out to the top of the key, pounds the ball on the ground, and does it all over again.

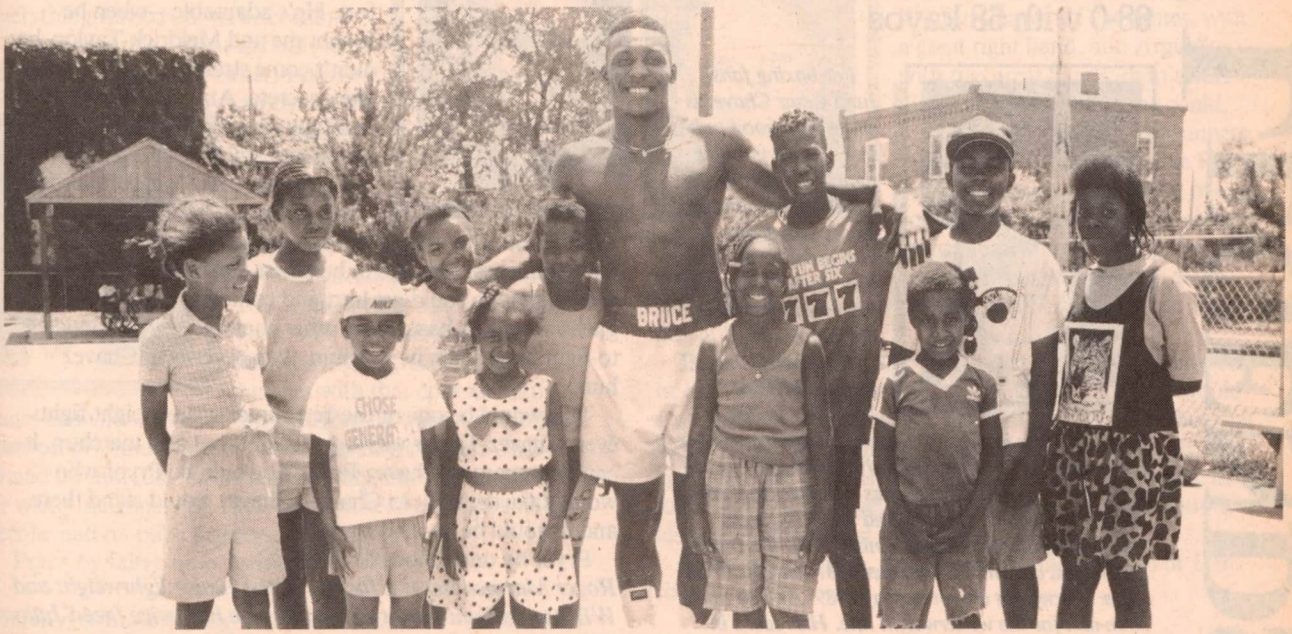
Within seconds, a group of young daycampers have left their spots at the picnic tables and are surrounding him on the court. Heroes are few in this part of town, and when one arrives, he is fully appreciated.

"Before, if anyone pointed at me when I walked down the street, I'd go up to them with an attitude," he says. "Now, it feels good to see people whisper and point when I walk down the street."

Seldon talks to the kids for a while, then heads back to the car. As he closes the door, a little girl dressed in pink walks up to the window.

"My father, he took your picture out of the paper when you fought," she says softly, "and he put it up on our wall."

Bruce Seldon is smiling as the car pulls away from the curb. The war-torn streets will seem a little bit brighter on the ride back to his house. Maybe it's just the reflection of the broken glass. Or maybe it's the pride of a city, the "other" city, just starting to glow. ■



Seldon has yet to establish the national following enjoyed by Riddick Bowe and Ray Mercer, but on the streets of his hometown, he has become an emerging hero and a symbol of hope. "Winning the title for Atlantic City," he says, "doesn't mean something to me, it means *everything* to me."

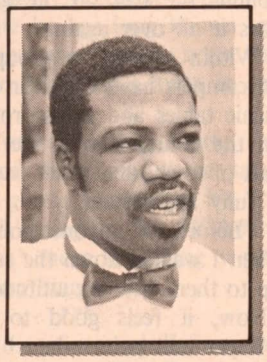
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us

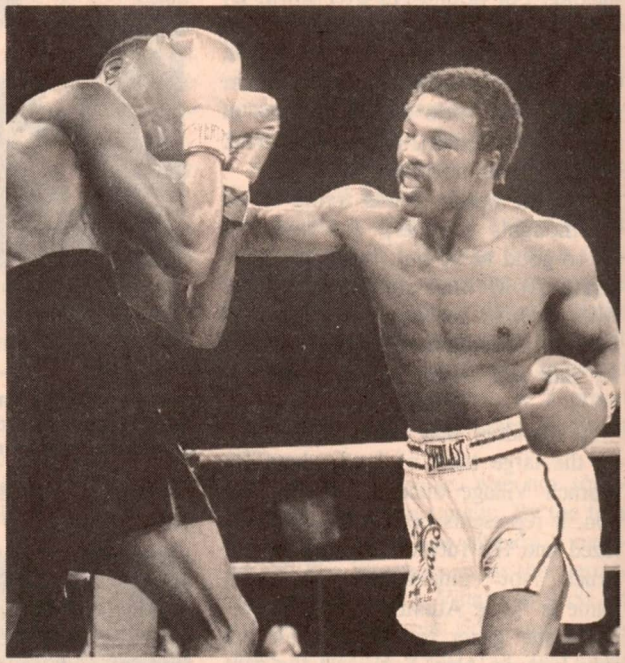
Aaron Pryor

Cincinnati, Ohio
1976-Present
38-1 with 34 kayos



Don't let his current plight mislead you: At his best, former WBA and IBF junior welterweight champion Aaron "The Hawk" Pryor was among the finest fighters of his era. Until losing to Bobby Joe Young during his comeback, Pryor was undefeated, a thrilling fighter who improvised to brutalize his opponents. Pryor's fights contained only one common element: He never stopped throwing punches.

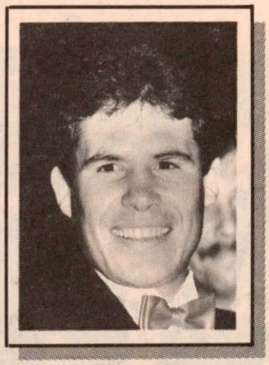
Unable to secure a title shot at lightweight, Pryor rose to junior welterweight and dethroned legendary WBA champion Antonio Cervantes in August 1980. He registered 10 successful defenses through March 1985, but will forever be remembered for two of them, his unforgettable showdowns with Alexis Arguello. Pryor stopped Arguello twice, and their first battle, in November 1982, was named The Ring's *Fight of the Decade.*



Pryor's last victory at 140 pounds came in March 1985, when he overpowered Philadelphian Gary Hinton and took a split 15-round decision. Even boxing's best champions could not match Pryor's fantastic punch rate.

Julio Cesar Chavez

Culiacan, Mexico
1980-Present
68-0 with 58 kayos

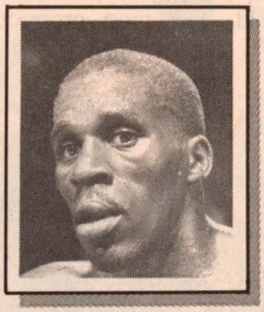


For boxing fans, Julio Cesar Chavez is almost too good to be true. He's a popular fighter, an accomplished champion, and an active warrior. He's also today's consensus pick as the best pound-for-pound fighter in the game.

In March, Chavez' historic TKO of Meldrick Taylor secured his place in history. But the multitalented Mexican pressure fighter had already established himself as an all-time great. Chavez has won titles in three different divisions. He captured the WBC super featherweight crown in September 1984, the WBA lightweight crown in November 1987, and the WBC super lightweight crown in May 1989. And he may soon aim for the welterweight title. His record in world title fights is 17-0, and he's never been knocked down, much less beaten.

ROGER MAYWEATHER

Chavez and Pryor are two of boxing's greatest champions. They both get hit a lot, and what makes them as great as they are is that they both take a good shot.



Chavez is a little more skilled on the inside, and he has deceptive hand speed, but he has very slow feet. He's adaptable—when he fought me and Meldrick Taylor, he didn't come straight in. His chin is like concrete. And he comes on late in a fight, but Pryor fought every round and *still* had something left.

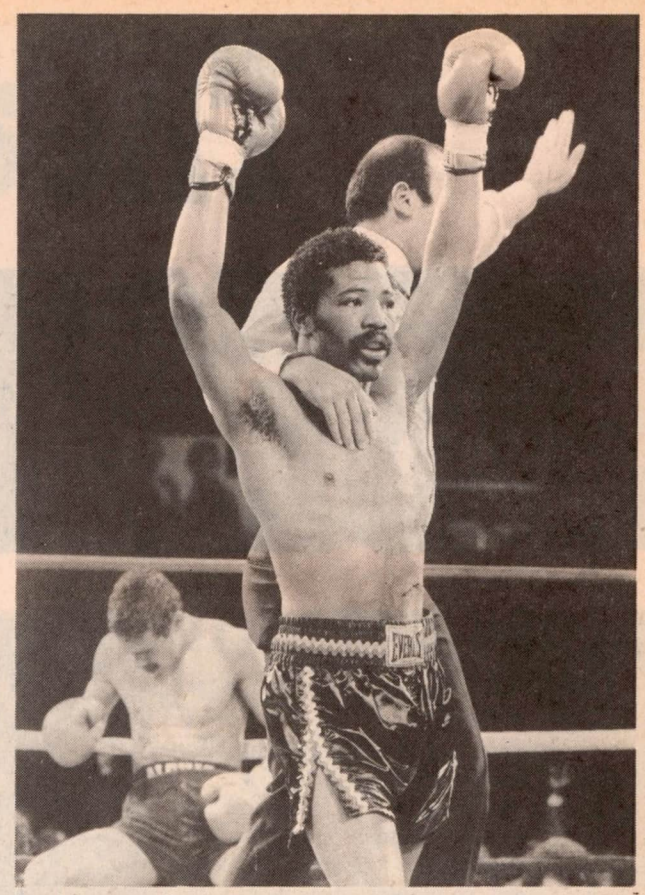
Pryor was much quicker, and he was a good puncher. I think he was a harder puncher than Chavez, and he'd throw twice as many punches, punches in bunches. Against Arguello, he proved that he could get hurt and come back to win. Arguello would've beaten any other champion. Pryor tended to fight back when he was hurt. I've never seen Chavez hurt.

This would be one of the best junior welterweight fights ever. Chavez-Taylor was a great fight, but as a matchup, it can't compare to Chavez-Pryor. It would be Pryor who would take the fight to Chavez. Chavez would stand there, and it would be an all-out war.

Pryor by unanimous decision.

Roger Mayweather is a former WBA junior lightweight and WBC super lightweight champion. He has twice faced Julio Cesar Chavez, losing by second- and 10th-round stoppages.

Chavez established himself as an all-time great by winning titles in three divisions. But he reserved a special place in history when he dramatically rallied to halt undefeated Meldrick Taylor in the 12th round in March.



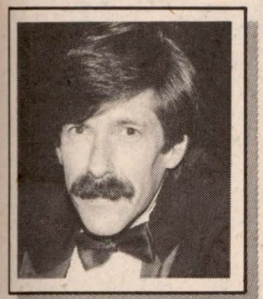
Pryor's greatest triumph came in November 1982, when he kayoed Alexis Arguello in the 14th round of the Fight of the Decade. On that night, as on many others, Pryor was a punching machine without a reverse gear.

PHIL BERGER

Pryor was non-stop, a super-aggressive fighter with a chin of granite. In the first fight with Arguello, he got hit with a right hand that you were sure would make him tilt. [When Pryor didn't fall] I did a double-take.

After the two Arguello fights, everything awaited Pryor, conceivably even a Ray Leonard fight. Unfortunately, the everything turned out to be cocaine.

Pryor was not a great defensive fighter, but Chavez isn't that great defensively, either. Like Pryor, he takes a great punch. He's a willful fighter in the same manner as Pryor. Chavez is very methodical, and he brings a lively pace and a body attack that is as good as you'd hope to see, especially with the hook.



What you'd get is what you see. You'd see both go to their strong suits, with Pryor circling and throwing those great rhythm punches with that cocksure attitude, and Chavez relentlessly moving forward—without the histrionics—and trying to take away Pryor's legs. Chavez would try and rally in the later rounds, but the vintage Pryor was a machine, and Chavez wouldn't have the same effect he had on other fighters.

Pryor by fairly close decision.

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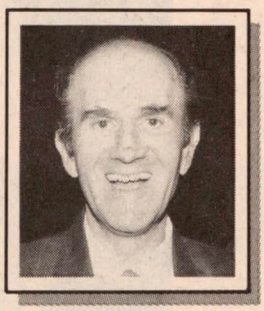
There's no question how Pryor would fight. He overpowered Antonio Cervantes, which really surprised me, and nobody gave him a shot against Arguello, and he overpowered him. He was a very strong, swarming fighter. The fact that Pryor overcame the punches of Arguello would present a big problem for Chavez. If Cervantes, with a great right hand, and Arguello, with *two* great hands, didn't hurt him, I don't think Chavez could.



Chavez has trouble with runners, but he loves to fight guys like Pryor. The question is, could he overcome Pryor's strength? Chavez gets hit too many times, though he doesn't show it. I don't know if Pryor was a better defensive fighter, but he did move his head. He wasn't the easiest guy in the world to hit.

Pryor would jump all over Chavez from the opening bell; he didn't know how to fight any other way. Chavez would try to slow down Pryor with his hooks to the body, but that would leave him open for Pryor's overhand rights. Pryor's aggressiveness and his ability to stay on top would take its toll. He'd probably get knocked down a few times, but he also might be the first fighter to get Chavez out.

Pryor by stoppage, somewhere around the 10th or 11th round.

Harold Lederman, who has judged dozens of title fights, scores bouts for HBO's boxing broadcasts.

The Last Line Of Defense

THE BEST CHINS IN BOXING

By Steve Farhood

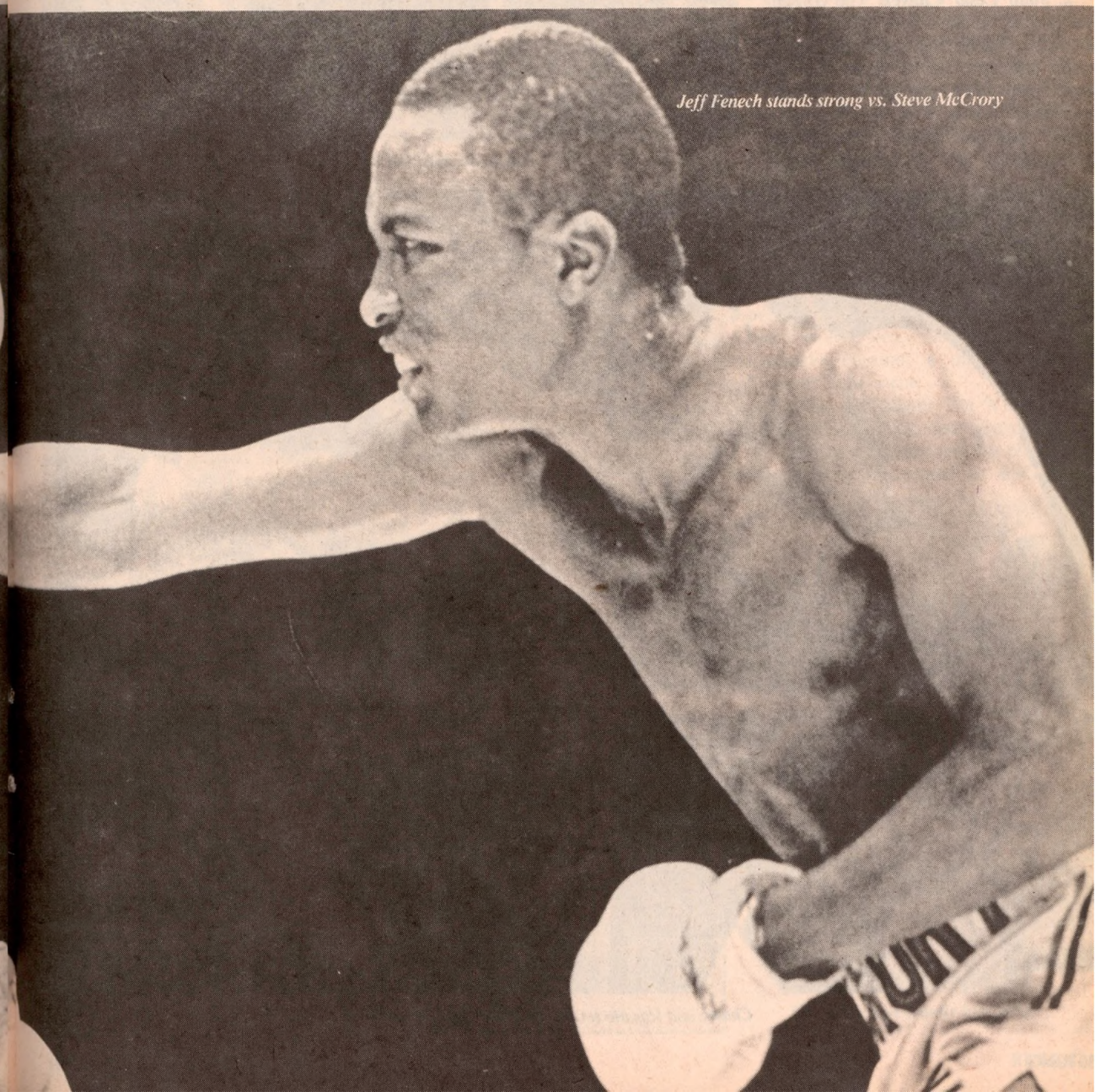
"All of a sudden, I couldn't take a punch."

It was 1983, and former lightweight champion Sean O'Grady, always a sponge for punches, was bemoaning the fact that his ability to accept punishment had suddenly disappeared. O'Grady drew a graphic metaphor: You can only put so much money in a cash register. Put too much in and the register pops open. The head is like a cash register. Too many punches and . . .

Why do some fighters have good chins and others don't? There are plenty of theories, including simple nature, attitude ("*No one* can hurt me"), length of the neck (the shorter the better) and development of the trapezius muscles, and the use of a mouthpiece that properly aligns the tempro-mandibular joint. But it's fact, not theory, that once a fighter loses his knack for absorbing punches, he never regains it. Or, as O'Grady might put it, once the cash register pops open, there's no closing it.

Boxing history is full of fighters whose chins were as hard as the four found at Mt. Rushmore. For great champions like Muhammad Ali, weathering an opponent's heaviest blows was one of many talents. For clubfighters like Chuck Wepner, it was the sole talent. Regardless, hundreds of fights, and dozens of world titles, were won solely because of fighters' abilities to take beatings without wilting.

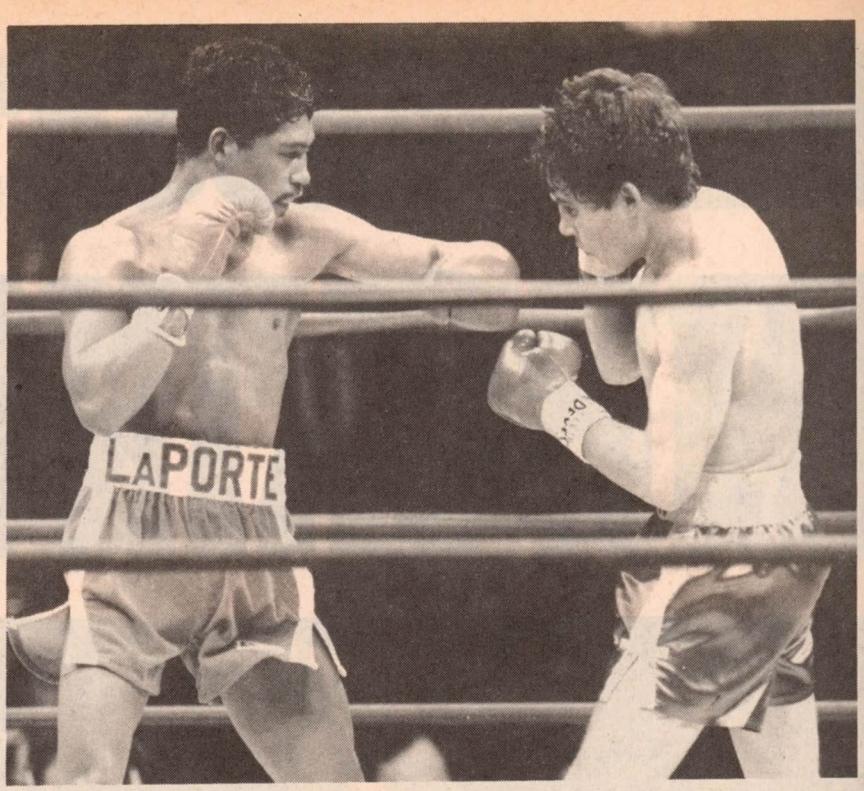
Who, then, have today's best chins? In compiling a top-10 list (in order), we considered only active, world-class fighters. For those who didn't make our list, keep your chins up. Unless you're in the ring, of course.



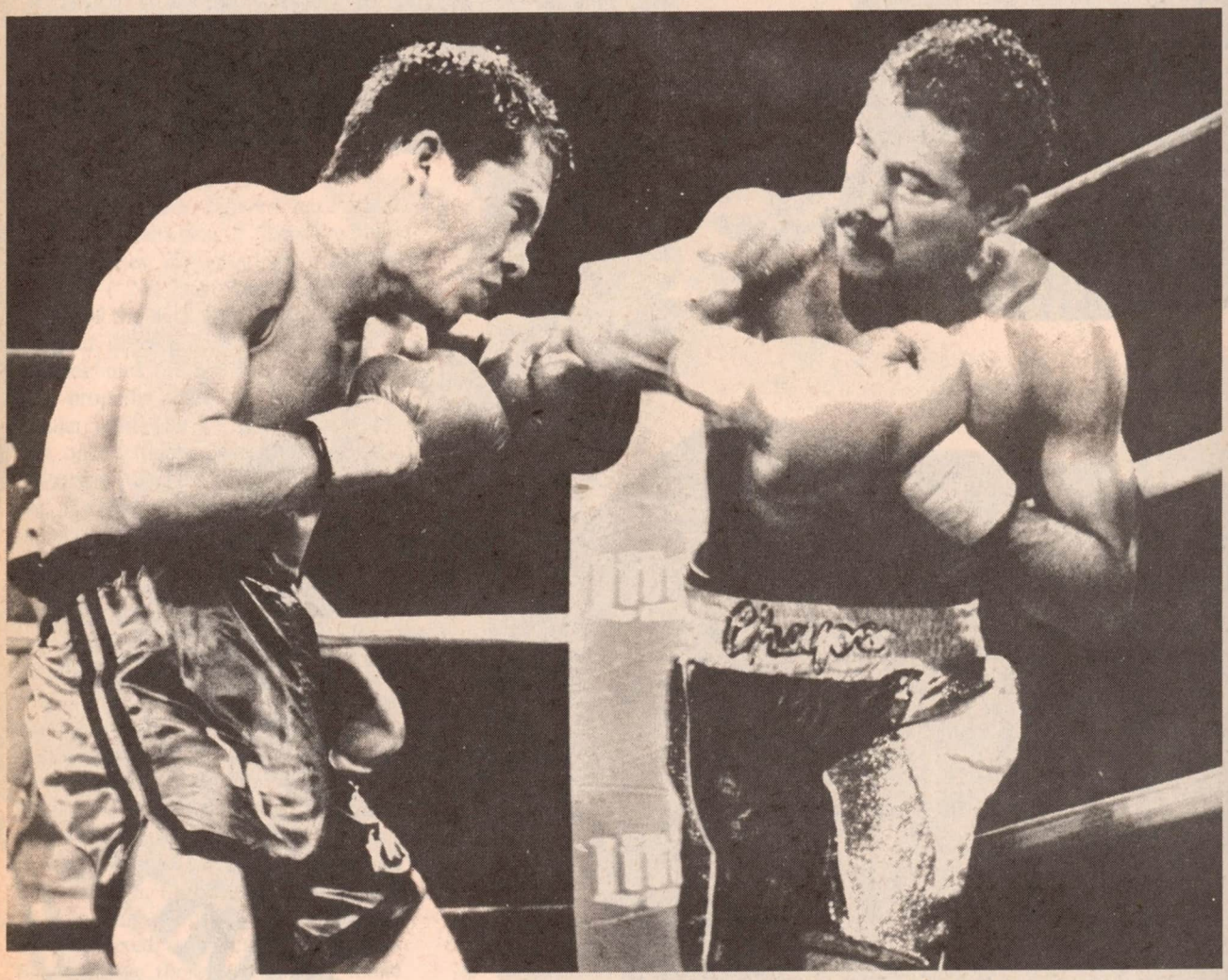
Jeff Fenech stands strong vs. Steve McCrory

1. Juan LaPorte: Since his surprising stand against Chavez in December 1986, former WBC featherweight champion LaPorte has been a low profile contender. Now the NABF super featherweight titlist, LaPorte has retained one of boxing's most underrated chins. He has never been floored, and former manager Howie Albert can't recall him ever being hurt. LaPorte's lengthy display of sturdiness is especially impressive when you consider the kayo power of opponents like Chavez, Wilfredo Gomez, Barry McGuigan, and Lupe Suarez, all of whom beat him. After pummeling LaPorte throughout the second half of their 1984 title bout, Gomez commended his foe for "the incredible way he put up with the punishment I gave him."

2. Julio Cesar Chavez: The consensus pick as boxing's best chin. For seven years, Chavez has fought the best in three divisions. In 68 bouts, he has never been down, and his face remains unmarked; it's as if he *wills* his opponents' punches away. Among the bonebreakers he's discouraged: Roger



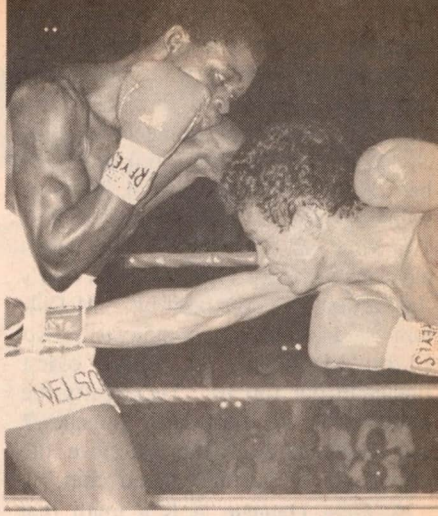
Two great chins: LaPorte vs. Chavez



Chavez and Rosario took each other's best blows

Mayweather (twice), Edwin Rosario, and Jose Luis Ramirez. "I never had problems reaching Chavez," said Mayweather. "My problem was trying to stop a train." Chavez, whose 5'7" frame doesn't suggest a fighter able to carry added weight, may further test his chin by moving up to welterweight. If he jumps, don't expect a fall. "His chin is natural," said Kronk's Emanuel Steward. "And he keeps it in his chest very well."

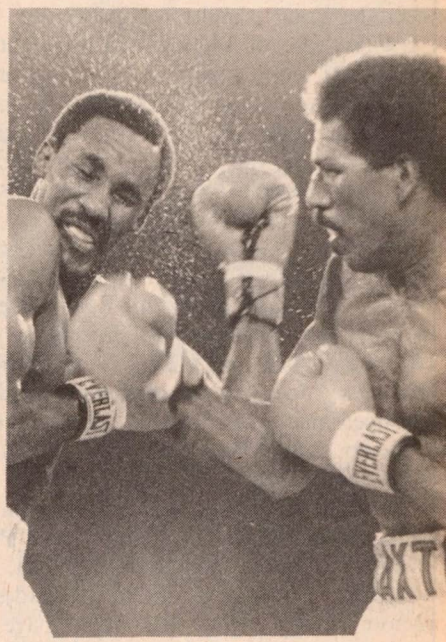
3. Edwin Rosario: Remember Rosario's loss to Jose Luis Ramirez in 1984? After twice knocking down the challenger, Rosario was staggered. Ramirez poured in punches, but the Puerto Rican never fell. When referee Steve Crosson intervened, Rosario had his back turned to his foe. He had no idea where he was, but instinct allowed him to remain standing. Well past his prime, Rosario continues to stand. Chavez battered him for 11 rounds in 1987, and unheralded Anthony Jones hurt him last year. It is a fallacy that Rosario has retained his punch and nothing more. He can still accept extended punishment, which, if nothing else, buys him time. But as Lou Duva pointed out, a decade of punches are finally catching up to him.



Azumah Nelson couldn't hurt Villasana

4. Marcos Villasana: There can't be a list of top-10 chins without at least a couple of Mexican representatives. Villasana, the WBC featherweight champion, won the title by outlasting Paul Hodkinson, who had scored kayos in all 17 of his victories. He has never been down, and has stood against such hitters as Azumah Nelson (twice), Jeff Fenech, Lenny Valdez, Antonio Esparragoza, and Jaime Garza, who buckled his knees with a rocking right. An aggressive infighter with a dangerously deficient defense, Villasana has relied on his chin for 13 years. "It's lasted over the course of time; it's one of the best I've ever seen," said *La Opinion's* Fernando Paramo, a maven of the Mexican fight scene.

5. Mike McCallum: The WBA middleweight champion has always been an underrated fighter, and his chin has always been underrated as well. It's



David Braxton smacks McCallum

THE GREATEST CHINS OF ALL TIME

Throughout the history of boxing, fighters have been glorified not only for their fistic prowess, but for their seemingly inhuman ability to absorb punishment. *The Ring* Publisher Stanley Weston, a keen observer of the fight scene for more than 50 years, compiled a list of the 10 greatest chins of all time (in no particular order).

Joe Grim: Unquestionably the most durable fighter who ever lived. Though only a middleweight, he fought the top heavyweights of his era, including Jack Johnson and Bob Fitzsimmons, neither of whom could knock him out.

Ad Wolgast: Only 5'4¼", 133 pounds, and usually undertrained, he appeared to be encased in cement as thunderous blows would bounce harmlessly off his head. Several opponents broke their hands on his skull.

Battling Nelson: Nelson prepped for his ring career by engaging in headbutting contests. His nickname of "The Durable Dane" was perfectly suited. He thrived on punishment, and what was most remarkable about him was that the more he was battered, the more aggressive and stronger he became.

Barney Ross

Barney Ross: His superb boxing skills overshadowed his ruggedness. In 81 pro fights, he was never stopped, and never even knocked off his feet. And he fought some great hitters, like Jimmy McLarnin, Billy Petrolle, and Ceferino Garcia.

Jack Dempsey: Those two ferocious rounds with Luis Firpo proved beyond a doubt that "The Manassa Mauler" rates among the greatest shock-absorbers of all time. Only once was he stopped, early in his career by Jim Flynn.

Jake LaMotta: During their six-fight grudge series, Sugar Ray Robinson was unable to drop "The Raging Bull." Most of LaMotta's foes punched themselves into exhaustion against what became known as "The Immovable Object." Although LaMotta was stopped four times during his 13-year career, only Danny Nardico managed to knock him off his feet.

Carmen Basilio: What he lacked in boxing skill, Basilio more than made up with raw guts and an iron jaw. When hurt, he would stick out his chin, spread his feet wide apart, and defy an opponent to cut him down. Only Gene Fullmer stopped him.

George Chuvalo: It took murderous punchers like Joe Frazier and George Foreman to stop the rock-like Canadian. If they paid off on durability alone, Chuvalo would surely have been champion. *The Ring* founder Nat Fleischer called Chuvalo the toughest fighter he had seen in more than half-a-century of covering boxing.

Jim Jeffries: Disregard his historic bout with Jack Johnson in 1910, when he fell more from exhaustion than blows. "Jeff" was knockout-proof and indestructible. From the standpoint of brute strength, he was the strongest heavyweight champion of all.

Marvin Hagler: The first round of the Hearns fight is all the evidence needed. Hagler fought all the hardest 160-pound hitters, from Briscoe and Hart to Roldan and Mugabi, and was never legitimately dropped. (Roldan was credited with a knockdown, but Hagler actually slipped.)

arguable that no one on this list has been hurt as often as McCallum, but he hasn't been floored since his amateur days. The scary moments have included a Yuca Jimenez hook in October 1983, a first-round hook by free-swinging Julian Jackson in August 1986, and an overhand right by Donald Curry in July 1987. "I guess that's the hardest I've ever been hit," McCallum said after rebounding to kayo Curry. McCallum, 33, is the oldest fighter in our top 10. "He's crafty; he knows how to turn with punches," said Lou Duva. "That can give the impression of having a good chin."

6. Greg Haugen: It is a myth that Haugen is nothing more than a cocky street brawler. He employs subtle skills, but that doesn't mean that he isn't tougher than a coalminer's beard.

Toughman Haugen rumbles with Vinny Pazienza

CHINS, CHINS, AND MORE CHINS

Thoroughbred racehorses are often separated by noses, and fighters are often separated by chins. Here are a few miscellaneous facts about those who can take it, and those who can't.

● Former junior welterweight champion **Saoul Mamby**, 43, has fought more than 70 times, and has faced two generations of world-class punchers. It has been reported that Mamby has never been floored, but in a November 1986 loss to former 140-pound champion Rene Arredondo, "Sweet Saoul" indeed visited the canvas. Still, his chin must be rated among the best of the last 20 years.

Howard Davis Jr.

● If Mamby has one of the best chins, 1976 Olympic gold medalist **Howard Davis Jr.** had one of the worst. In 38 bouts, Davis, a gloriously gifted lightweight and one of the fastest fighters ever, was dropped a total of 11 times by seven fighters. The names and numbers: Luis Davila—once; Norman Goins—twice; Vilomar Fernandez—once; Tony Baltazar—twice; Edwin Rosario—twice; Joe Manley—twice; Buddy McGirt—once. Only McGirt was able to knock out Davis, but a last-round knockdown against Rosario in June 1984 cost the Long Islander the WBC title.

● The case of Mexican middleweight **Marcos Geraldo** is among the most curious in recent knockout history. From October 1970, when he lost for the first time, to February 1982, when he was kayoed by Thomas Hearns, Geraldo fought 62 times. He was stopped 10 times, and *seven* times in the first round. Obviously, if you couldn't finish Geraldo in the first three minutes, you probably weren't going to finish him at all. Among those who Geraldo managed to take the distance: Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard.

● A heavyweight with a lousy chin isn't likely to succeed. But even the best of the big men have been knocked down. **Muhammad Ali** was dropped four times, once each by Sonny Banks, Henry Cooper, Joe Frazier, and Chuck Wepner. **Larry Holmes** was dropped six times, by Kevin Isaac, Earnie Shavers, Renaldo Snipes, and Mike Tyson (thrice). **Rocky Marciano** was dropped twice, by Jersey Joe Walcott (first fight) and Archie Moore. And **Joe Louis** was dropped *nine* times, by Max Schmeling (first fight) twice, Jim Braddock, Tony Galento, Buddy Baer (first fight), Jersey Joe Walcott (twice in first fight, once in rematch), and Rocky Marciano.

● Sometimes it's impossible to explain a fighter's chin. In the early rounds of junior welterweight title fights, **Aaron Pryor** was felled by Antonio Cervantes, Dujuan Johnson, and Akio Kameda. But in his first bout against Alexis Arguello, who rates as one of the hardest hitters of all time, Pryor was able to ignore straight rights that would have crumpled a high-rise. Maybe it was something in that bottle . . .

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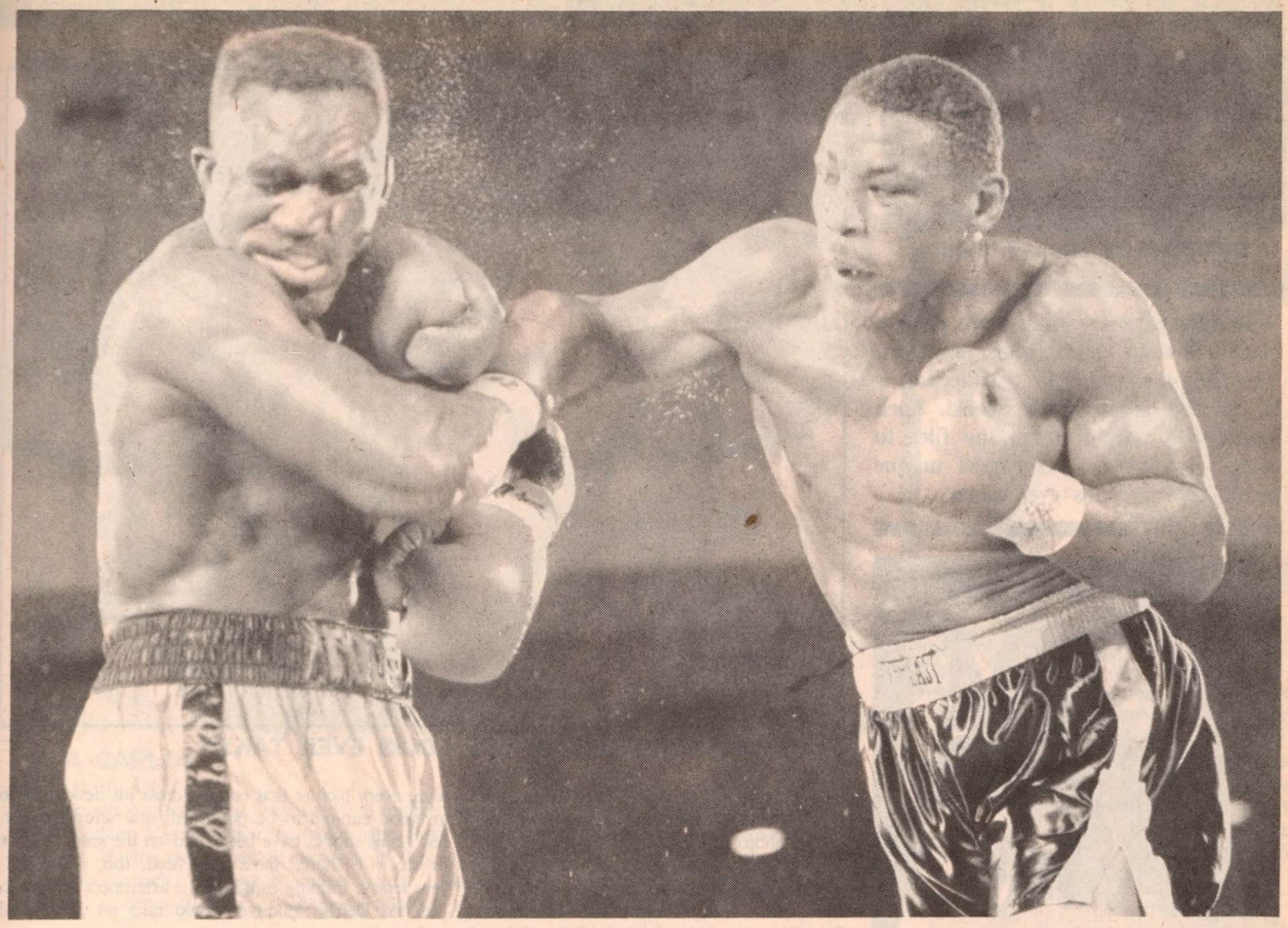
Haugen established his reputation when he moved to Alaska and earned added income in Tough-Guy contests, regularly handling opponents who outweighed him by as much as 60 pounds. (It's easy to understand why he's never been scared of lightweights.) Haugen suffered a flash knockdown in his title-fight loss to Pernell Whitaker, but the only time he's been hurt was in the first round of his 1985 brawl with destructive Chris Calvin. He's also unflinchingly faced the firepower of 135-pound crushers like Jimmy Paul and Gert Bo Jacobsen.

7. Jeff Lamkpin: You know a fighter is a stand-up guy when he's lost 13 times, *all by decision*. Moreover, in the mid-'80s, when Lampkin lost as often as he won, he never fought at peak condition. And when he did train, he rarely bothered with roadwork. How a fighter with ill-prepared legs survived the hammers of Fully Obelmejias, Willie Edwards, Tim Broady, and others will remain IBF cruiserweight champion Lampkin's secret. He's been down only twice, a first-round flash knockdown vs. Johnny Davis, and in the 10th round of his second bout vs. Prince Charles Williams. "Like the old-timers say about punching, you either got it or you don't," said matchmaker Ron Katz. "Lampkin has it; it's a God-given gift."

8. Evander Holyfield: Bulging neck muscles help make Holyfield's chin a foolproof shock absorber. At cruiserweight, he traded with Anthony Davis, Dwight Qawi, and Rickey Parkey. At heavyweight, his last four fights have been rumbles with Michael Dokes, Adilson Rodrigues, Alex Stewart, and Seamus McDonagh. While his chin has



Holyfield invited the rights of Alex Stewart

already been tested—especially by Stewart—Holyfield must prove himself against the hammers of a Foreman or Tyson. Those who believe he'll cautiously box against those two titans don't know very much about Holyfield's makeup. "Evander's got a real good chin, and as a result, he takes unnecessary punches," said handler Lou Duva. "He comes back to the corner and says, 'I wasn't hurt.' "

9. Jeff Fenech: The triple-crown champion hasn't been matched with many devastating hitters, but with Fenech's fearless style, a dependable chin is a given. The Australian demands confrontations, then soaks up blows while overwhelming his foes with volume punching. The only time he's been staggered was in the sixth round of his July 1986 bantamweight title defense against Steve McCrory. A knockout, or at least a knockdown, seemed imminent. As has become his trademark, however, Fenech roared back. An upgrade in the level of his opposition—for instance, a 130-pound title fight later this year vs. Azumah Nelson—will reveal whether it's been Fenech's chin, or his ferocity, that has made him so devastating.

Duran proves his chin against Iran Barkley

10. Roberto Duran: "I don't see how you can consider anybody before at least 30 fights," promoter Russell Peltz said of this list. We're sure Peltz would approve of the selection of Duran, who's had 93 fights and has been down five times, but in only one fight in the last 16 years. Duran, who was floored by Esteban DeJesus in their first and second bouts, and dropped three times and kayoed by Thomas Hearns in 1984, is the only fighter in our top 10 who has been knocked out. The Hearns disaster aside, Duran has proven his toughness in five divisions. A natural lightweight, his strongest stands have come at higher weights against Ray Leonard (first fight), Pipino Cuevas, Marvin Hagler, and Iran Barkley. ■

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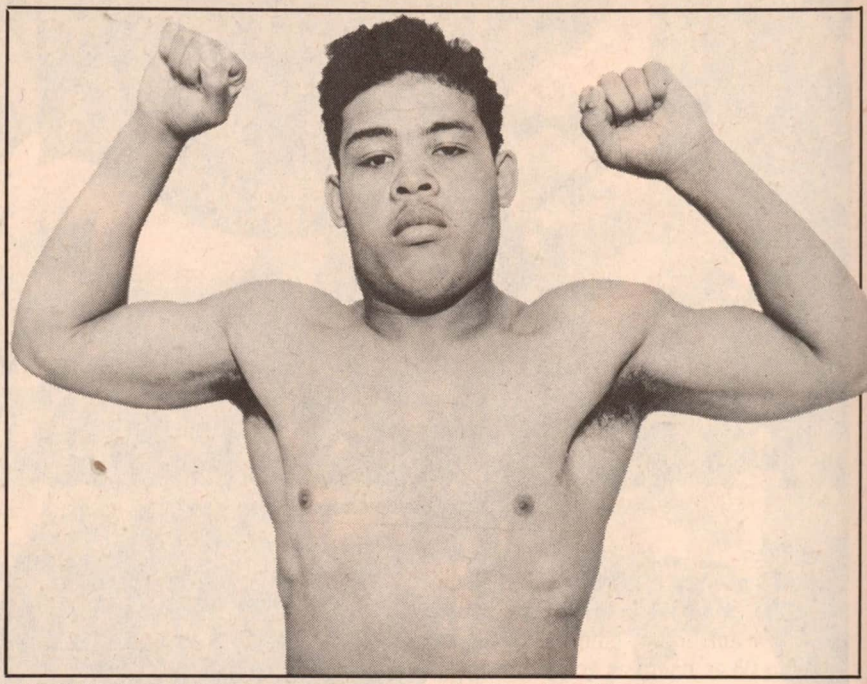
A MATTER OF PRIORITY

(Yankee Stadium, September 23, 1957)

His savage 15-round battle with middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson just concluded, Carmen Basilio's seconds slipped his white satin robe through his arms and over his shoulders. Everybody in the huge crowd knew the world had a new champion. Ring announcer Johnny Addie walked over to Basilio's corner, ready to make the announcement and raise the winner's right hand.

But before Addie could grab his arm, devout Catholic Basilio dropped to one knee, bowed his head, and thanked the Lord. The cheers turned to respectful silence. Even the ringside photographers, anxious to get that arm-raised shot of the new champion, restrained themselves—all except one, the guy who took this picture.

Moments later, Carmen was back on his feet. Johnny Addie raised his hand and officially proclaimed him the new middleweight king. The photographers snapped away and the fans exploded in approval. The rough, tough onion farmer from upstate New York proved that prizefighters are human beings after all.



THE WORST PICTURE OF JOE LOUIS EVER TAKEN

(June 2, 1936)

It is the job of a photo editor to carefully analyze every picture that comes across his desk, then to pass on to the editor-in-chief those he thinks are good enough to be published, and scrap the rest.

The photo editor who approved this shot of Joe Louis should have been fired on the spot, and the editor-in-chief who released it over the press service wire should have been fired, too.

The picture was taken at Louis' Lakewood, New Jersey, training camp on the afternoon of June 2, 1936, just 17 days before the undefeated 22-year-old Detroit Bomber would take on 31-year-old former heavyweight champion Max Schmeling.

The angle from which the picture was taken, and the ridiculous position of his arms and upper body, make the 6'1½", 193-pound Louis look anemic.

To their credit, none of the newspapers and magazines serviced by the wire service published the picture. And for more than 50 years, one tarnished print rested in *The Ring's* master picture file.

DAYS OF GLORY

(February 2, 1963)

On his 50th birthday, former middleweight champion Fred Apostoli proudly displays photos of three of his memorable fights.

San Francisco's "Belting Bellhop," as strikingly handsome as he was in his youth, won the title in 1937 and lost it in 1939. The photos (left to right) show him against Marcel Thil, Freddie Steele, and Melio Bettina. Fred died in 1973 at age 60, and was elected to *The Ring* Hall of Fame in 1978.

PIECE OF CAKE

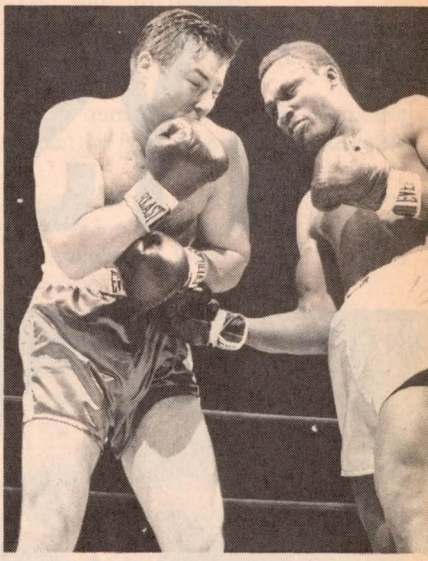
(February 5, 1961)

Former heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano showed up at New York's famous Stork Club to join in celebration of Zsa Zsa Gabor's birthday. When the actress saw Rocky enter the ballroom, she ran over to him, threw her arms around his neck, and planted a big kiss on his cheek. She then ordered the ex-champ to open his mouth and fed him a piece of her birthday cake. How old was Zsa Zsa? That still remains a mystery.

VIVA CARLOS

(August 16, 1967)

Conquering hero Carlos Ortiz holds an impromptu dressing room press conference at New York's Shea Stadium after retaining the world lightweight title by unanimous decision over Panama's Ismael Laguna. Having split a pair of decisions in their previous title fights, Ortiz was elated over winning the rubber match. "Laguna is a great fighter," Carlos told the swarming reporters. "But this win proves I'm better than he is." Nobody disputed the statement.



FOUL? NO PROBLEM

(July 19, 1967)

Canada's George Chuvalo was never one to complain. Not even when undefeated 23-year-old Philadelphia dynamo Joe Frazier dug this ripping right uppercut into George's groin early in the second round at Madison Square Garden. Smokin' Joe, a 4-1 favorite, continued to pour it on until the 30-year-old Chuvalo was all but helpless, forcing referee Johnny Coulon to stop the fight in the fourth round. It was the first time in his long career that Chuvalo failed to go the distance.

WHAT ABOUT THE GUY ON THE FLOOR?

(September 1, 1973)

Challenger Joe "King" Roman rolls helplessly on the canvas and looks pleadingly toward his trainer, Al Braverman (left), who is too absorbed arguing with referee Jay Edson to heed the pleas of his stricken charge. The dispute revolved around a booming left to the chin delivered by defending heavyweight champion George Foreman less than two minutes into the start of the bout in Tokyo. Braverman insisted his man had been fouled. But Edson stood fast. "There was no foul," he insisted. "Foreman was just following through after he knocked your guy down." Guess who won the argument. Better still, guess who finally picked the poor guy off the floor.

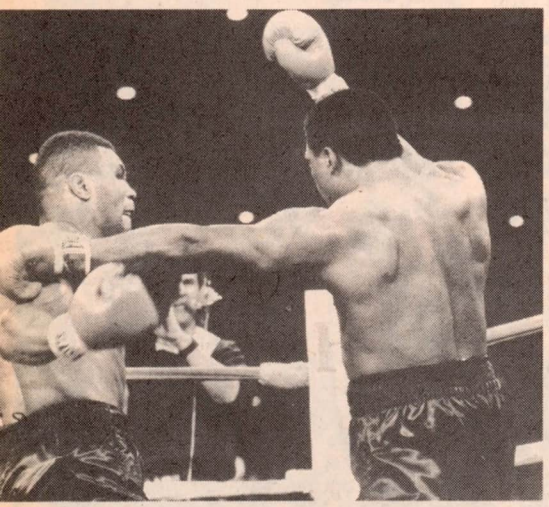
ON TO BATTLE

(July 26, 1928)

Heavyweight champion Gene Tunney (second from right), surrounded by admirers, calmly strolls toward the dressing room entrance of New York's Yankee Stadium, where a few hours later he would retain the title by stopping Tom Heeney in the 11th round. This was Gene's last fight. Soon after, he announced his retirement as undefeated king of the heavyweights, thus ending a remarkable career during which he lost only one of 77 bouts.

TYSON VS. FOREMAN

January 22, 1973, Kingston, Jamaica: George Foreman plays Joe Frazier like a yo-yo, dropping him six times in two rounds. Referee Arthur Mercante finally stops the fight and Foreman is the heavyweight champion of the world.



November 22, 1986, Las Vegas, Nevada: Mike Tyson drops Trevor Berbick three times with one punch and becomes the WBC heavyweight champion with a second-round knockout. At the age of 20, he is the youngest heavyweight champion in history.

Can Iron Mike Stop The Blast From The Past?

By Robert Cassidy

Although they ascended to the heavyweight throne some 13 years apart, George Foreman and Mike Tyson traveled the same destructive road to the title. Equipped with horrifying power and an aura of invincibility, Foreman and Tyson left a pile of bloody, twitching bodies in their wake. And while each fighter dominated a portion of his decade, both are looking to the future. Suddenly, all roads lead to Tyson vs. Foreman, a showdown between the two most intimidating heavyweight champions in history.

During their respective reigns of terror, Foreman and Tyson tore through the heavyweight division by separating opponents from their senses. After each shattering knockout, the intangible of intimidation grew until it became as much a weapon as a hook or uppercut. Often, their opponents were beaten weeks before fight night. And the reason was simple: Tyson and Foreman epitomized what the heavyweight champion was supposed to be: the baddest man on the planet.

"They're both very intimidating," said Angelo Dundee, who has trained three heavyweight champions. "At the height of their careers, they looked invincible."

Looked, talked, and acted invincible.

Foreman has always projected a striking image. Whether a 6'4", 220-pound champion or a bald, 260-pound symbol of middle-aged self-assurance, he's presented his opponents with a huge specimen to negotiate. Aside from his appearance, and the fact that he is now a reverend, little else has changed. He is still a plodding, emotionless puncher who confidently pursues his prey with the knowledge that his clubbing blows will ultimately crush their resolve.

In contrast, Tyson wreaks havoc with a menacing scowl that is straight from the nasty side of Brooklyn. Unlike the subdued Foreman, Tyson approaches his fights with

the mentality of a streetfighter and the aggressiveness and fury of a rabid dog.

"Iron Mike" has made both casual and hardcore fans cringe with vivid descriptions of what he intends to accomplish with his punches.

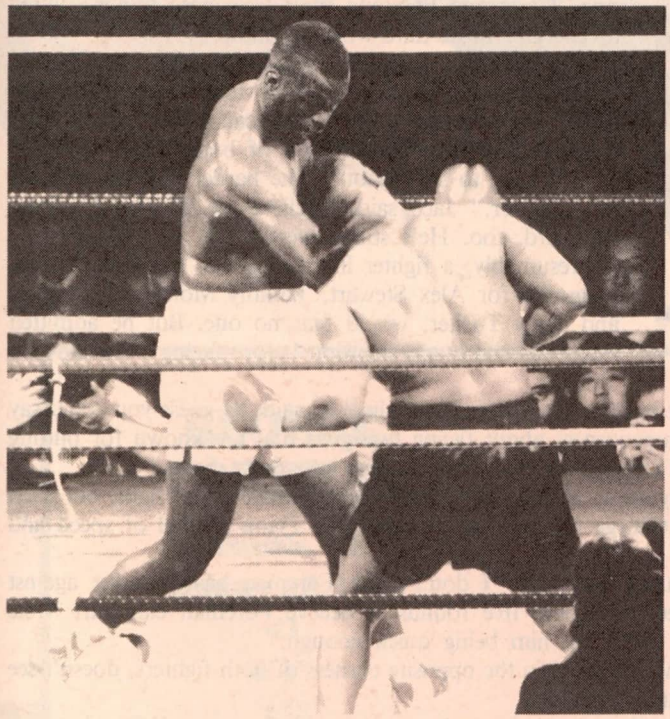
"I try to catch him on the tip of his nose because I try to punch the bone into his brain," he said after knocking out Jesse Ferguson in 1986.

Foreman was far less quotable during his 21-month championship tenure than he is now, but his words were equally as chilling.

"I was one step away from putting my foot on the man's chest," Foreman said of his fifth-round knockout of Frazier in 1976. "I thought if I killed a man, it would only make me more vicious."

In 100 years of heavyweight champions, only Sonny Liston inspired the fear that Foreman and Tyson demanded. Boxing experts saw them as unbeatable. And little, if any, argument was made when it was suggested, "It will be years before there's a new champion . . ."

October 30, 1974, Kinshasa, Zaire: A 3-1 underdog, 32-year-old Muhammad Ali introduces the rope-a-dope to the boxing lexicon and shocks the world by knocking out George Foreman in the eighth round to regain the heavyweight title.



February 11, 1990, Tokyo, Japan: Mike Tyson is regarded as such a heavy favorite over unaccomplished contender James "Buster" Douglas that most Las Vegas books do not take win bets. The one casino that does open its windows prices Douglas as a 42-1 underdog. Surprise! Douglas dominates and drops a listless Tyson and becomes the undisputed heavyweight champion with a 10th-round knockout.

What does it take to stop the schoolyard bully from picking on the mild-mannered bookworm? How about a bigger bully. While that usually works, it is only a temporary solution. Every bully worth his sneer will continue to use fear as leverage. But when the potential victim stands to fight, the bully has lost half his edge. He becomes a lion without a roar.

When Tyson and Foreman were roaring, most of their opponents could not physically match them. And the few that could often had their advantages nullified after taxing prefight rounds of psychological warfare.

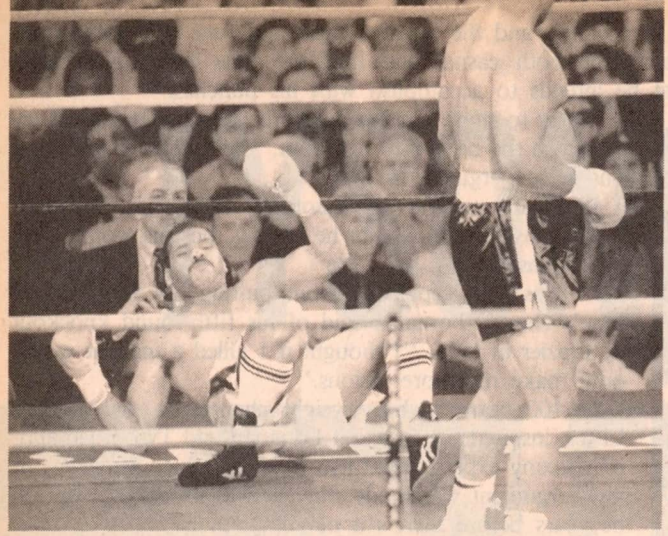
In 1987, James "Bonecrusher" Smith, a well-proportioned, 6'4" heavyweight with a booming right hand, was so intimidated by Tyson that instead of fighting, he held and grabbed for 12 ludicrous rounds. Smith lost the WBA heavyweight crown, but gained a new nickname—*Boneclutcher.*

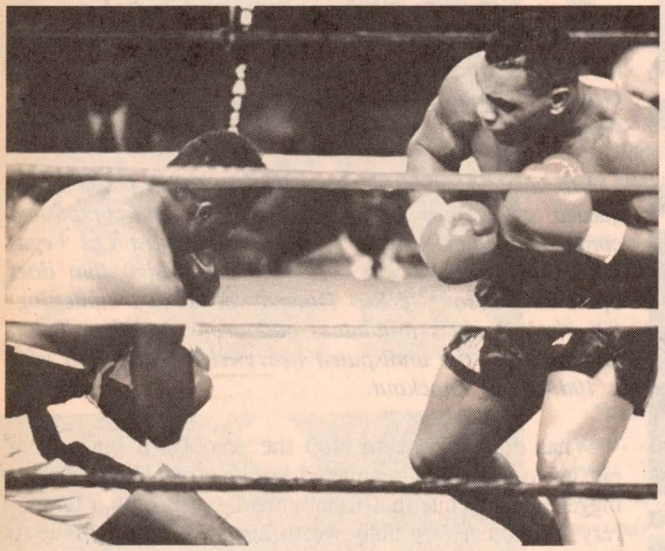
But against Foreman and Tyson, respectively, Ali and Douglas entered the ring without fear and, as a direct result, exited as world champions. Rather than being paralyzed with fright, they were energized by a purpose. They fought to win, not to survive.

"I fear no man," Douglas said after beating Tyson. "For once Tyson was fighting a guy who wasn't afraid of him."

Foreman knows the feeling. After being kayoed by Ali, Big George never regained his frightening image. Stripped of his invincibility, Foreman's first career ended in 1977, after a rather meek Jimmy Young staged a late rally—culminated by a 12th-round knockdown—to win a shocking 12-round decision. With the memories of his losses to Ali and Young readily available in his consciousness, Foreman, older, wiser, and 22-0 in his second career, understands the pressures that now confront Tyson.

"Mike Tyson will never sleep again until he redeems himself," Foreman said. "But it doesn't happen until you get that title back."





June 16, 1990, Las Vegas, Nevada: Fighting on the same card for the first time, George Foreman and Mike Tyson score quick and decisive knockouts. Foreman bludgeons Adilson Rodrigues in two rounds, and Tyson, 2:47 into his first fight since losing the title, knocks out Henry Tillman with one punch.

Co-promoters Bob Arum and Don King hope that Tyson and Foreman will headline one more doubleheader and then face each other, with the winner getting a shot at the heavyweight title. But such a title fight may be somewhat anticlimactic. The real fight, and the only fight in the heavyweight division that fans want to see, is Tyson-Foreman. It has become the most anticipated heavyweight matchup since Larry Holmes-Gerry Cooney in 1982.

"It's one of the biggest fights in the world," said Al Braverman, the director of boxing for Don King Productions. "What f_____ excitement."

But don't confuse Tyson-Foreman with a sporting event. Or even a boxing match. It is pure violence.

In a combined 108 fights, the two have heard the judges' scores only nine times. Among heavyweight champions, Foreman ranks first (91.3) and Tyson third (87.2) in knockout percentage. Brought together in the same ring, Tyson and Foreman should generate enough power to energize most third-world countries.

They've also combined for 32 first-round knockouts. Journeyman Dave Jaco, one of four fighters to have fought both Foreman and Tyson, can attest to their power; he was a first-round victim of both.

"I'd have to say Tyson is the harder puncher because he's quicker," Jaco said. "Believe me, George Foreman hits hard, too. He's still powerful, but he's slower."

Presumably, a fighter like Jaco, who has been a stepping stone for Alex Stewart, Tommy Morrison, Douglas, and Tony Tucker, would fear no one. But he admitted there was some apprehension before facing Foreman and Tyson.

"When I fought both of them, I was a fill-in," he said. "I guess you could say there was a little nervousness about facing two guys that are known for putting people to sleep. There was a little fright going into those fights."

There doesn't figure to be any fright before a Foreman-Tyson fight, but Jaco doesn't think Big George will be able to cope with Tyson's blend of speed and power.

"The honest truth," he said. "I don't think Foreman has a prayer against Tyson. I don't see him going five rounds. I believe Foreman can hurt Mike Tyson, but I just don't see him being quick enough."

But Dundee, who's worked in the opposite corners of both fighters, doesn't see Tyson an easy winner.

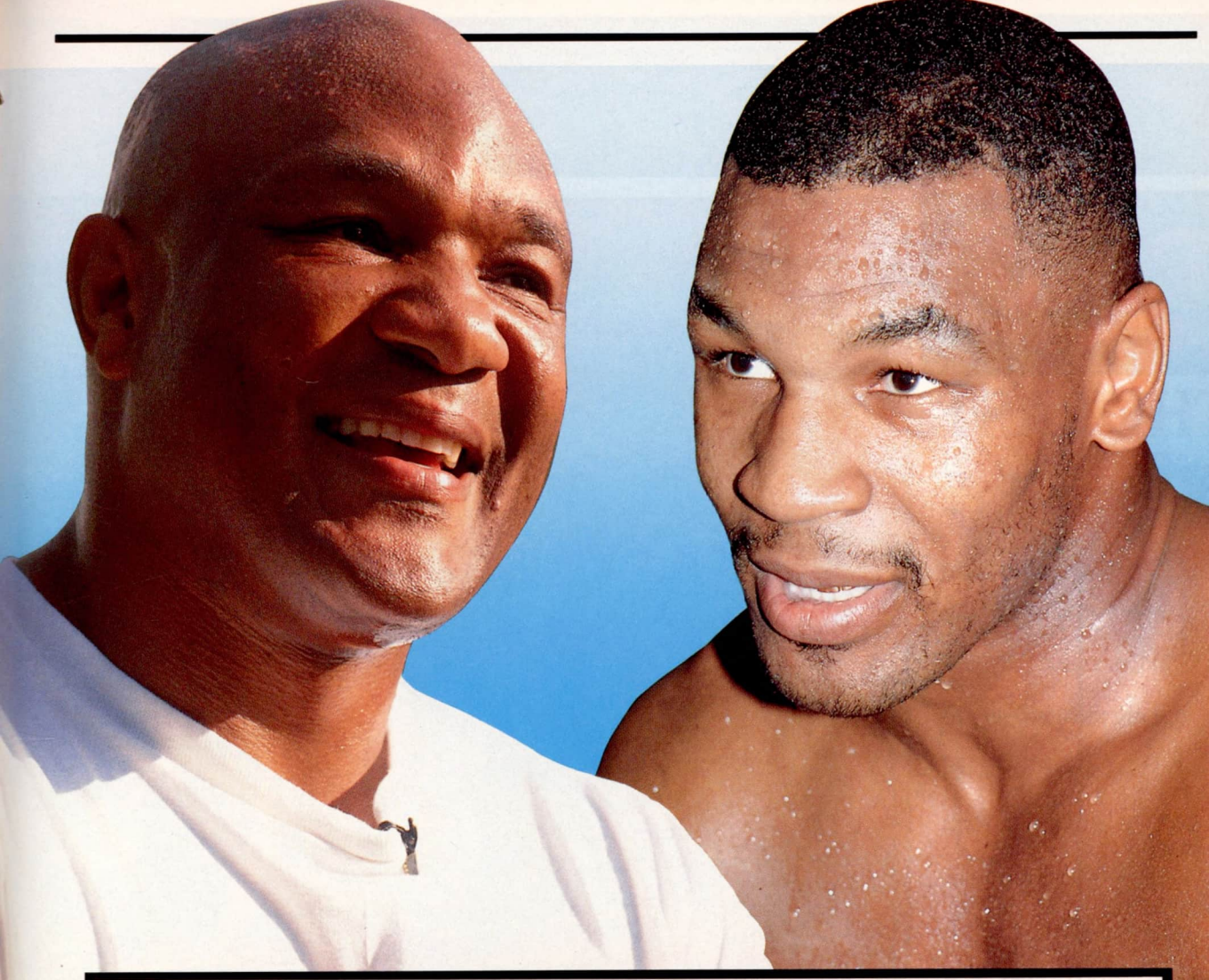
"George Foreman has always been awesome against short guys," Dundee said. "Joe Frazier at his best couldn't deal with him. He's a hard guy to reach. It's gonna take a big man to beat him."

Foreman, who scaled 263 pounds against Rodrigues, will have a considerable height and reach advantage over Tyson. And while mobility played an important part in Douglas' win over Tyson, Buster's size and strength also figured prominently in the shocking upset.

"Adilson told me that he blocked a left hook [from Foreman] and it almost took his arm with him," Dundee said. "I definitely think that Foreman will beat Tyson. He'll knock him out."

A knockout is all but guaranteed. When and by whom, though, will remain hot conversation until Tyson and Foreman climb into the same ring—at the same time. "Let's cut all this nonsense out," Reverend George said after knocking out Rodrigues. "Let's get George Foreman and Mike Tyson together once and for all."

Amen. ■



GEORGE FOREMAN		MIKE TYSON
Humble, TX	Residence	Catskill, NY
January 22, 1949	Birthdate	June 30, 1966
41	Age	24
6′4″	Height	5′11½″
260	Weight (approx.)	218
79″	Reach	71″
67-2 (63)	Record	38-1 (34)
.940	Kayo Percentage	.894
3.52	Ave. Rounds Per Fight	3.51
5	Times Fought 10+ Rounds	4
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3-1 (3)	Title-Fight Record	10-1 (8)
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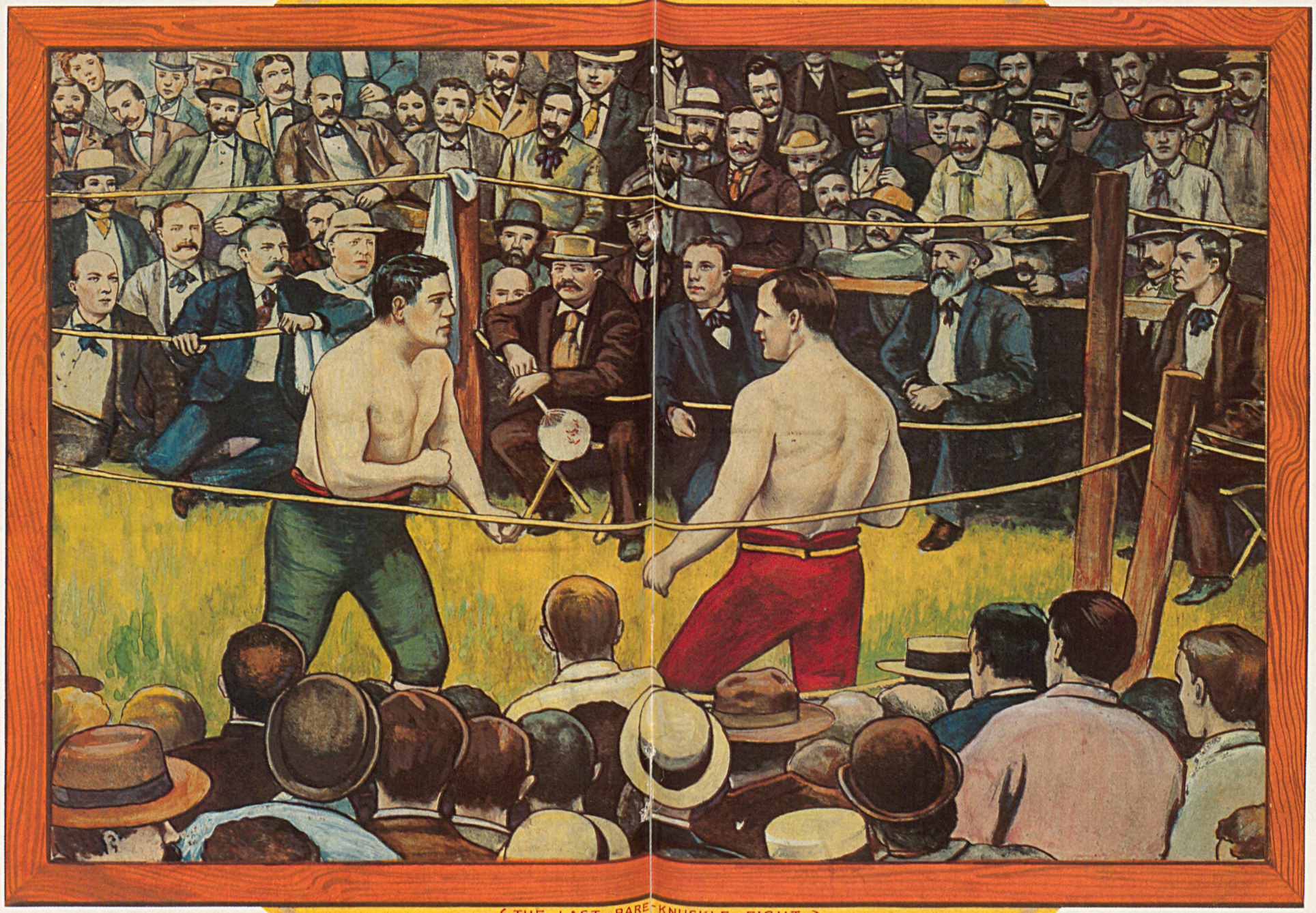
THE LAST BARE KNUCKLE FIGHT



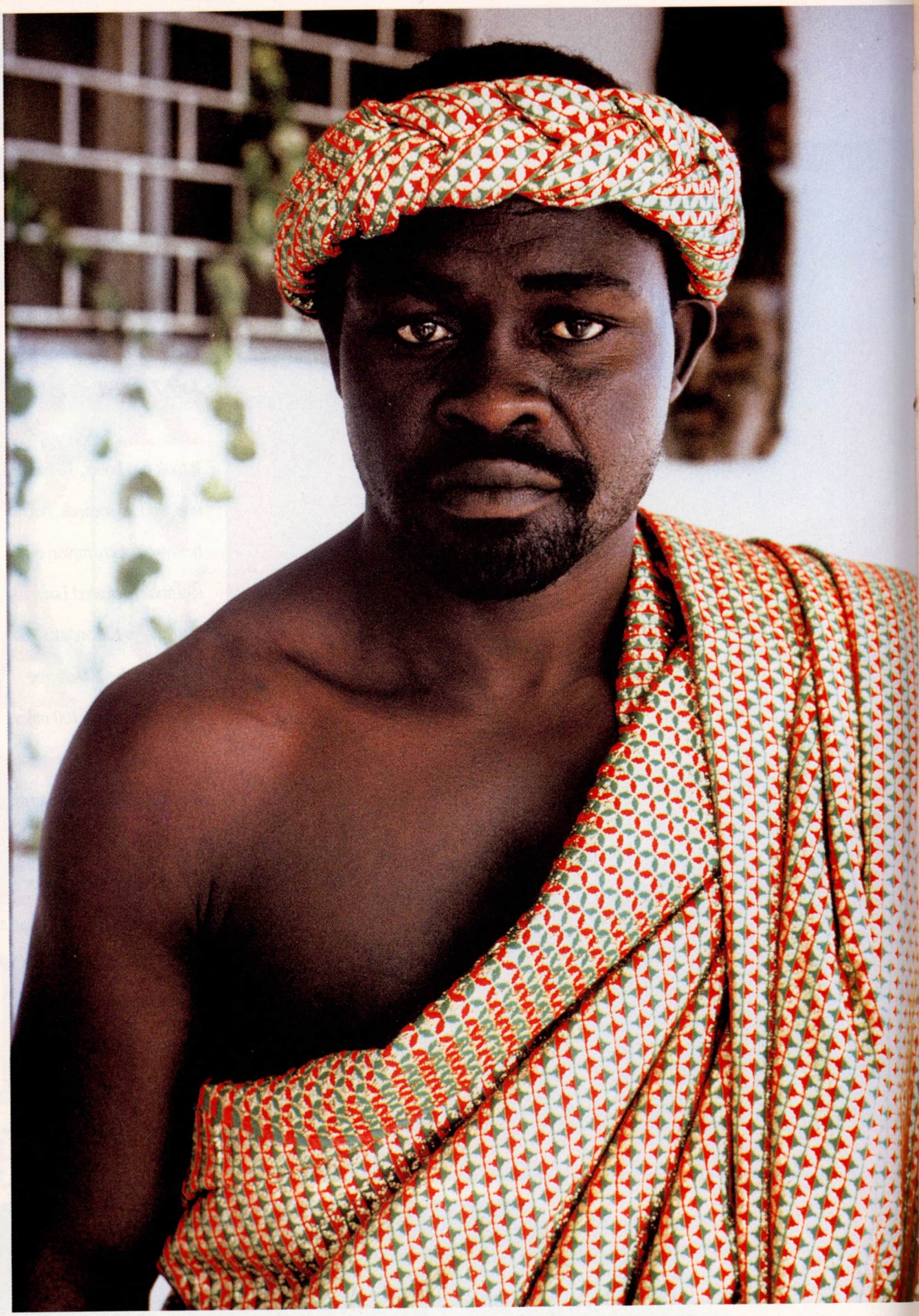
(THE LAST BARE-KNUCKLE FIGHT
JOHN L. SULLIVAN VS. JAKE KILRAIN)

Chris Schaare

A CENTURY AGO

John L. Sullivan
TKO 75
Jake Kilrain,
Richburg, Mississippi,
July 7, 1889

It took two hours, 16 minutes, and 25 seconds, but heavyweight champion Sullivan finally defeated Long Island's John Killion, aka Jake Kilrain, in the 100-degree heat of Richburg, 100 miles north of New Orleans. When Kilrain's corner finally surrendered, referee John Fitzpatrick, soon to be the mayor of New Orleans, raised Sullivan's swollen hand and then began counting out $100 bills. (Before squaring off, the fighters had made a side bet of $1,000.) It was the last victory of John L.'s career.



Where A Fighter Is King

AZUMAH NELSON IN GHANA

By Arlene Schulman

A dusty red clay road with chickens pecking at its edges and craters the size of Volkswagons leads the way to the home of former two-time world champion Azumah Nelson. Pale green and orange lizards scale an eight-foot-high cement and metal fence that rings his property. One of Nelson's nine employees solemnly opens the gate and announces, "Champion is home."

The home of "Champion" is a five-bedroom cement house with a living room as mammoth and immaculate as a department store showroom, a kitchen filled with the most modern of gadgets and electrical appliances, a courtyard fountain with fish, separate quarters for his employees, his cars, a swimming pool, and a barbecue. Glass, chrome, and sleekly styled wood furniture have been imported from department stores in Los Angeles and New York. A water storage tank behind the main house provides running water, and when frequent power outages affect the neighborhood, he flees to one of his four other homes. Only a large wooden ceremonial mask attached to a wall, and a cook beating plantains and cassava with a long wooden mallet—the local dish is called fou fou—suggest that this estate may be found in Ghana, a small country on the western coast of Africa.

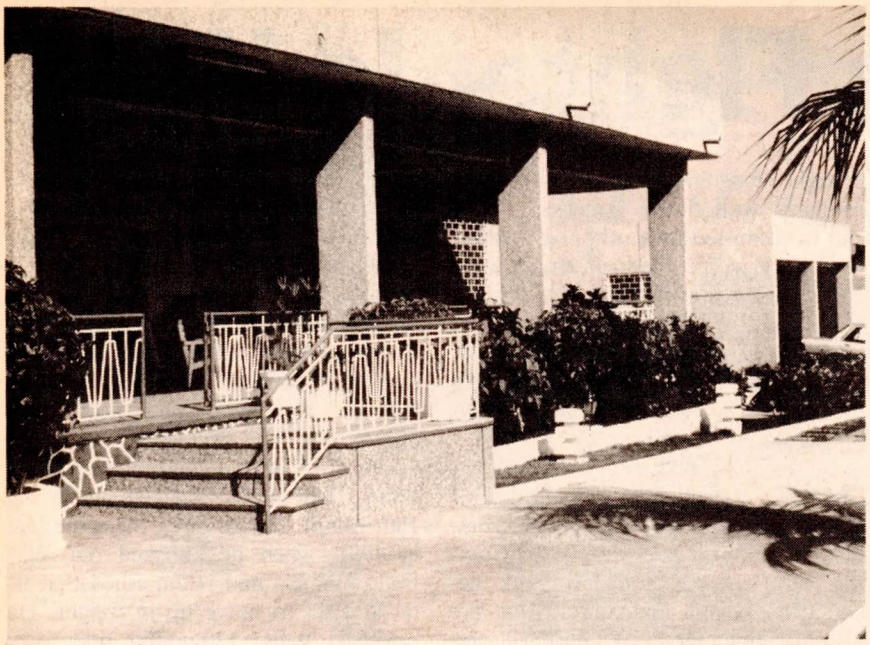
Nelson, proclaimed the "King of Boxing" in 1989 by the Sportswriters Association of Ghana, rules from a white wooden lounge chair on his patio as soft drinks are served from a silver tray. Cocoa, gold, and Azumah Nelson are Ghana's greatest exports. As an unofficial ambassador, he has brought recognition to a country often confused with South America's Guyana or dismissed as a primitive African homeland with tribesmen, mud huts, and rhinoceroses. There are no tribesmen, mud huts, or rhinoceroses in Ghana. It is a nation that reveres Nelson, Eddie Murphy, Mercedes-Benz, the U.S. dollar, and anything and anyone remotely American.

Nelson, 32, is the embodiment of cash and cachet to the majority of Ghanaians. He owns two Mercedes, has twice seen Eddie Murphy in *Coming To America,* and has bank accounts in Ghana and abroad that are healthier than those of entire villages. His three children, David, 7, Dorinda, 5, and Doris, 3, are "treated like kings and queens," according to their father. Their clothing is imported from the United States, and they attend the best schools.

After training in gyms without rings and often going to bed hungry, Samuel Azumah Nelson became a professional boxer in 1979. He lost for the first time to WBC featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez in 1982 as a last-minute substitute with only three weeks of preparation. After a courageous stand, Nelson was knocked out in the 15th round. He captured the same title in 1984, when he knocked out Wilfredo Gomez, and relinquished that title in 1988 to move up in weight. He held the WBC 130-pound title from 1988 to 1990, and vacated the throne to challenge WBC and IBF lightweight champion Pernell Whitaker in May.

Photos By Arlene Schulman

Azumah Nelson with his children at his beautiful home in Accra, Ghana. In his native land, Nelson is a national hero and a symbol of Ghanaian pride. Whenever he fights, the entire nation awaits the result.



Ghana is a poor third-world country, but Nelson's home (above) includes the modern amenities. When Nelson trains at the Accra Sports Hall, his neighbors watch with unbroken concentration (below).

When Whitaker won a 12-round decision, it was Nelson's first loss in almost eight years. It is anticipated that Nelson will return to junior lightweight and fight for the vacant WBC title later this year against Juan LaPorte. The winner will likely face Australia's undefeated Jeff Fenech.

When Nelson fights away from home, a great crowd waves from the balcony of Accra's tiny airport upon their hero's departure and return. A bonfire is lit, drums pound, and people gather to drink, eat, and dance outside of his home in a show of support.

"He's become an idol for Ghanaians," said Major John Addai, the acting chief executive for the National Sports Council. "You ask what their dreams are and they want to become Azumah Nelson. He has an image to defend and protect."

Kwame Saarah-Mensah, the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, explained the idolization of Nelson.

"We're very proud," he said. "He carries the flag of Ghana into the ring. He's been a very worthy ambassador. He knows that he's fighting for the nation. I don't think that it's the money. It's the fact that he's been able to put Ghana on the world sporting map."

The sixth and eldest child of a tailor and a woman who sold fish, Nelson scrambled, hustled, and stole for his family.

"We were very poor," he said. "I would sell coconuts, do some light construction, and go and steal some people's things to sell and get some money. I know that it's not good to steal, but I didn't have any means to get the money.

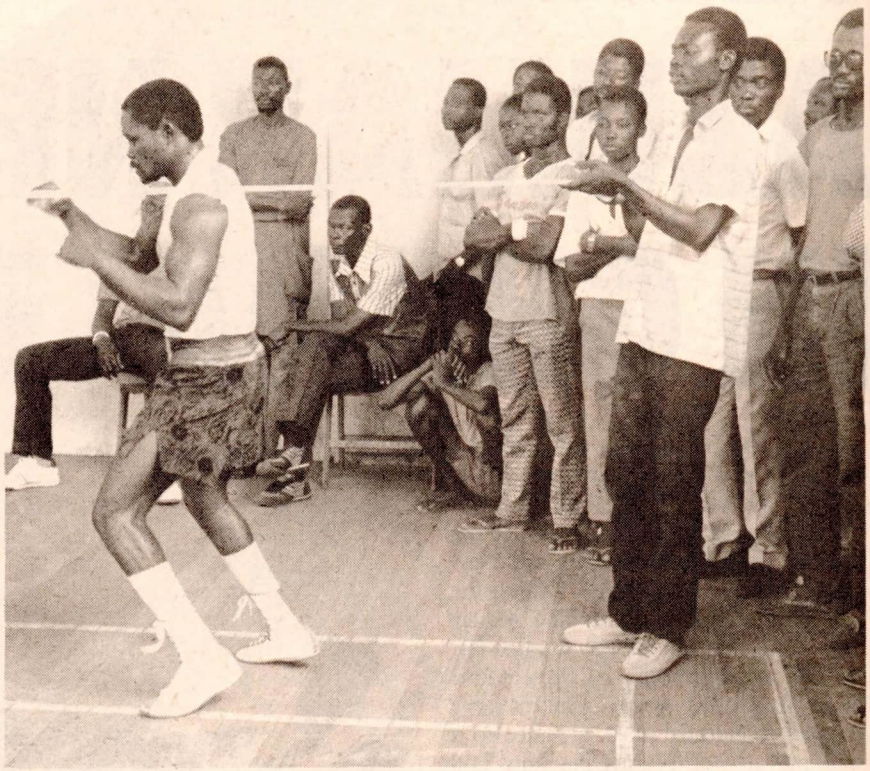
"I didn't take very important things. I would steal a chicken from the market and go and sell it. I sold dresses, sugar cane, bananas, bread, anything that goes on a tray on your head."

At 16, Nelson left school to become a prison officer "so that I could box in the club and get paid, too, every month." He joined the military, where boxing is mandatory. "Because I was good," he said, "I did what I wanted to do. Even the director saluted me."

Nelson began accumulating amateur titles in 1976 and won the African featherweight title in 1978. Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings, the Chairman of the Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC), which rules the country under a revolutionary government, managed one of Nelson's amateur teams in 1981. At the beginning of Nelson's pro career, Rawlings, a longtime supporter, supplied him with hotel accommodations and gasoline for his automobile, courtesy of the Ghanaian government.

Nelson's earnings are admired just as much as his accomplishments.

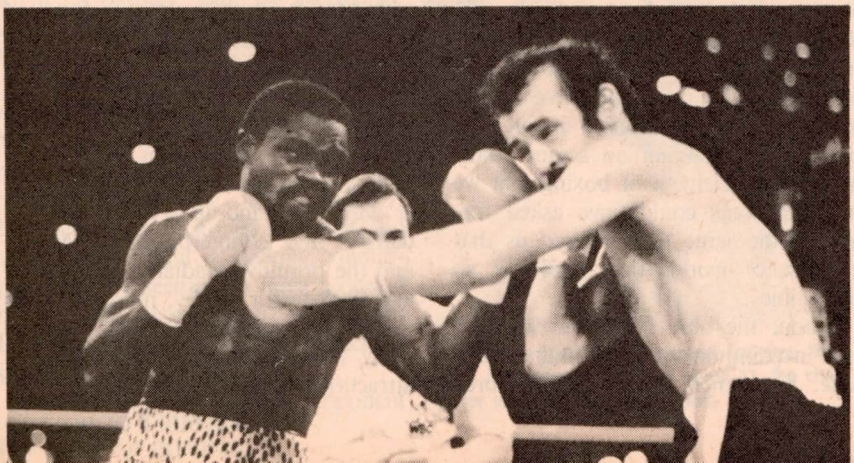
"Hey," he said matter of factly, "once you have no money, people don't want to know you." Nelson has grossed more than $1-million during his career; with one U.S. dollar worth approximately 350 cedis of Ghanaian currency, he is a very wealthy man in a third-world country where the per capita income averages between $450 and $500 a year. Gold mine workers earn the equivalent of one U.S. dollar a day, and women hawk fruits, fabric, and other goods on trays on their heads in the crowded streets. Cement homes, some with large cracks and larger holes in tin roofs, house immediate and extended family members. Continuous running water and hot water are unusual, and those with a water



tank and a generator are exceptions. The most common modes of transportation are walking and taxi—including some that spit and backfire and are held together with string and adhesive tape.

Besides his several bank accounts, Nelson owns several businesses, including a brick manufacturing company and a restaurant. He is also the manager of a group of comedians.

As Nelson spars in the gymnasium at the Accra Sports Hall, small boys clutching old tennis rackets stare admirably but shyly, and a crowd six-deep scrutinizes Nelson's movements. Boxers in worn tennis sneakers and old socks sagging around their ankles skip rope and watch him out of the corners of their eyes. Other boxers attempt to imitate his quick darts and turns; Nelson's hands are so quick that he looks like an octopus. As he skips rope, he winks while a heavy rain of perspiration spatters the dry wood floor. Outside, his car is touched with two fingers as if it were an icon. A cautious circle forms around Nelson as he exits.



Now 39, former featherweight champion David Kotei (above) clings to his memories of the old days, when he was a warrior with the strength and skills of Nelson (below, knocking out Mario Martinez).

"We don't get them [champions] often here," explained John Allotei-Cofie, the chairman of the Ghana Boxing Authority. "All Ghanaians feel a part of it."

If Nelson is the current king of Ghanaian boxing, then David Kotei is the deposed king and Nana Yaw Konadu the newly crowned and freshly deposed prince. Kotei was Ghana's first world champion, winning the WBC featherweight title in 1975. He lost it the following year to Danny Lopez in Accra. "It was a great shock," Kotei said quietly. "The whole nation was crying. It was a national defeat."

At 39, Kotei continues to box sporadically. His farm is not prosperous, and a fishing enterprise was abandoned when his old wooden canoe developed leaks.

The 24-year-old Konadu is Ghana's third world champion. He won the WBC super flyweight title last year, but lost it in his first defense. "I draw inspiration from Azumah," Konadu said. "Azumah is doing something for the nation. He's making the nation proud. If you come to him with a problem, he can solve it. He had to work very hard to achieve what he has."

Others draw inspiration, advice, and money from Nelson. Wealth is expected to be shared with the less fortunate. Nelson has devised a simple plan: Anyone requesting money must fill out a form supplied by a security guard at the gate to his home. The form is then forwarded to Nelson's secretary.

"I want to help the less fortunate," he said. "If they come to ask me for money and I don't give, I don't feel happy. I do what I can do. I wish I can support the whole country. I can't bear to see anyone suffering."

Nelson, who plans on becoming a reverend to "help people even more," has paid for the education of children and medical care, as well as handling general requests for support.

Smoothing the sleeves of his silk initialed pajamas, Nelson calls for another round of soft drinks from his throne. "I'm a big man here in small Ghana," he says. ■

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A Rivalry For The Ages

ROLAND LaSTARZA REMEMBERS THE MARCIANO WARS

ROLAND LaSTARZA

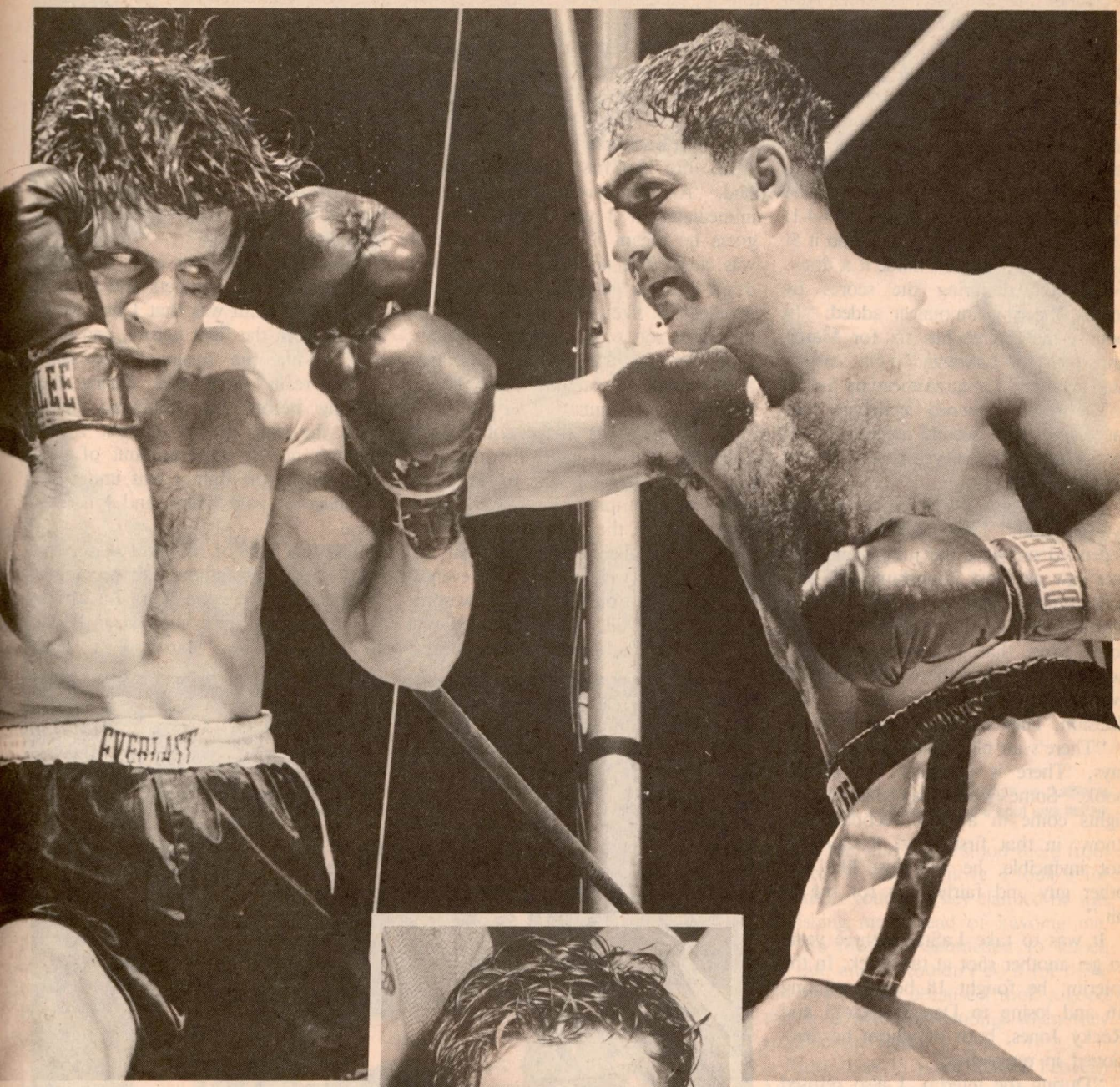
Editor's Note: Some years ago, it was written that a man with the name of Roland LaStarza should be singing opera at La Scala, not slugging it out at Madison Square Garden. After leaving the ring in 1961, LaStarza graduated from college and became a commercial pilot and flying instructor, a TV and movie star, and a cattle rancher—everything but an opera singer. But he'll always be remembered as a fighter, and the fights that will be his legacy were his pair of classic matchups with Rocky Marciano.

Earlier this year, ***Ring*** *correspondent James Dusgate visited with the 63-year-old LaStarza at the former contender's home in Smyrna Beach, Florida. For the past 17 years, a heart condition has prevented LaStarza from working, and his financial resources have dwindled, the result of a flood of medical bills. But LaStarza remains rich with memories, and his recollections of the Marciano fights further illuminate one of the ring's most memorable grudges.*

By James Dusgate

For decades the fight game has exercised a tremendous hold not only over youngsters who fancifully see their own dreams realized by their ring heroes, but also over artists and intellectuals—Hemingway and Runyan for example. For those with a bent for the classics, there is one glorious chapter in fistic history that has an almost mythological aura to it: the Rocky Marciano-Roland LaStarza confrontations of the early-'50s. In any other age, the deeds of these heroes might have been recorded in an epic poem. Their gargantuan scraps epitomized every element of boxing that we insatiable fans could have asked for, and at the same time offered us that contrast of worlds that is always so irresistible.

About the only thing the two men had in common was their Italian heritage. Even then, the stylish, cultured LaStarza, who had attended college at the City University of New York, was more reminiscent of the nobility of a member of the Roman patrician class, with Marciano, a former employee of the shoe factories of Brockton, Massachusetts, a mere plebeian. Their bouts typified the age-old struggle between force and reason, strength and intelligence. The contradiction inherent in their contests (LaStarza the classic boxer with the stand-up style, relying on defense and counterpunching; Marciano the primitive gladiator, awkwardly aggressive, with stubby, muscular arms that served simply as clubs) was precisely what made their fights such an attraction for media and fans alike.



The first Duel of the Titans took place at Madison Square Garden on March 24, 1950. Marciano was unbeaten in 26 outings, with 24 knockouts. LaStarza was also unbeaten: 37 fights, 17 kayos.

Before that first fight, LaStarza was ranked fifth in the world, Rocky sixth. The betting was about even, though most buffs felt that if it went the distance, LaStarza was sure of victory. His detractors reckoned he was too short and too light, a stalking counter-puncher who seemed to have modeled himself after Joe Louis, but without Louis' height, weight, and punching speed.

Marciano's respect for his opponent was obvious from his unusually cautious approach in the early rounds. LaStarza was somewhat perplexed.

"I wondered what he was up to," he said. "I'd thought that he'd come at me, bombing away. When I saw him jabbing and trying to box, I didn't know whether it was a trap or not. So I just stood back and did what I'd planned to do: jab and move."

LaStarza's longer reach—73 inches to 68—enabled him to jab, hook, and easily counter Rocky. In the fourth, however, Marciano energized the crowd of 13,658. He came out like a bull chasing after the matador's red cape. This is what the fans had come to see, the struggle between the out-

The Rock attacks in the second LaStarza fight (top). After being stopped in round 11, the challenger was battered but unbowed (above).

and-out slugger and the sophisticated, disciplined master boxer. LaStarza was cut in the round and went down late from an overhand right, but he was up at four. He was also staggered by a right to the jaw in the eighth, but referee Jack Watson took the round from Marciano because of a low blow. The rest of the fight was very even, and the result could not have been closer. Judge Arthur Schwartz scored 5-4-1, Marciano. Judge Artie Aidala had it 5-4-1, LaStarza. Watson made it a draw, 5-5. After declaring the scores by round, the ring announcer added: "In points, the referee has six for Marciano, four for LaStarza." (The Associated Press had LaStarza ahead by 5-4-1.)

The result spawned a debate that raged until their second meeting; more than a few fans believed that LaStarza had won.

"I knew how close the fight was, everyone did," LaStarza said. "It just depended on what the judges and referee saw as most important, my jabs and counterpunching or his constant attacks. But overall, I'm sure as income taxes that I outscored him. I honestly feel I was the winner. Almost every reporter at the fight gave me the decision. They said that I was robbed.

"There's an old Italian proverb that says, 'There is no thief like a bad book.' Some would say that certain fights come in a close second! You know, in that first fight, Rocky was not invincible, he was just like any other guy and fairly easy for me to hit."

It was to take LaStarza three years to get another shot at the Rock. In the interim, he fought 18 bouts, winning 16 and losing to Dan Bucceroni and Rocky Jones, both of whom he decisioned in rematches.

"During the interim, I also refused bouts with Joe Louis, Jersey Joe Walcott, Ezzard Charles, and Bob Murphy," LaStarza recalled. "These were offered to me when Marciano's manager, Al Weill, was the matchmaker at the Garden. It is possible that he was trying to get me out of the way. I don't know his feelings in the matter, but everyone knew that Weill was one of the shrewdest manipulators in the fight game. We refused to accept all those alluring offers because we felt deep-down that we were being stepped upon."

As it turned out, the result of the second Marciano fight was clear-cut. It took place before about 44,000 fans at New York City's Polo Grounds on September 24, 1953, 3½ years after the original. After the first LaStarza showdown, Marciano won 16 more fights, including a kayo of Joe Louis, and then knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott to capture the world title. After stopping Walcott in the first round of their rematch, the Rock signed for the return with LaStarza.

"Before the first fight," LaStarza said, "Al Weill promised us a return immediately if it was a close thing. I guess he meant if Rocky lost and it was close! The next day he said, 'We don't want to go back.' After that he avoided us like the plague, and the thing just sort of died a natural death. I did get frustrated. Here was Marciano making a bundle while I was fighting for peanuts."

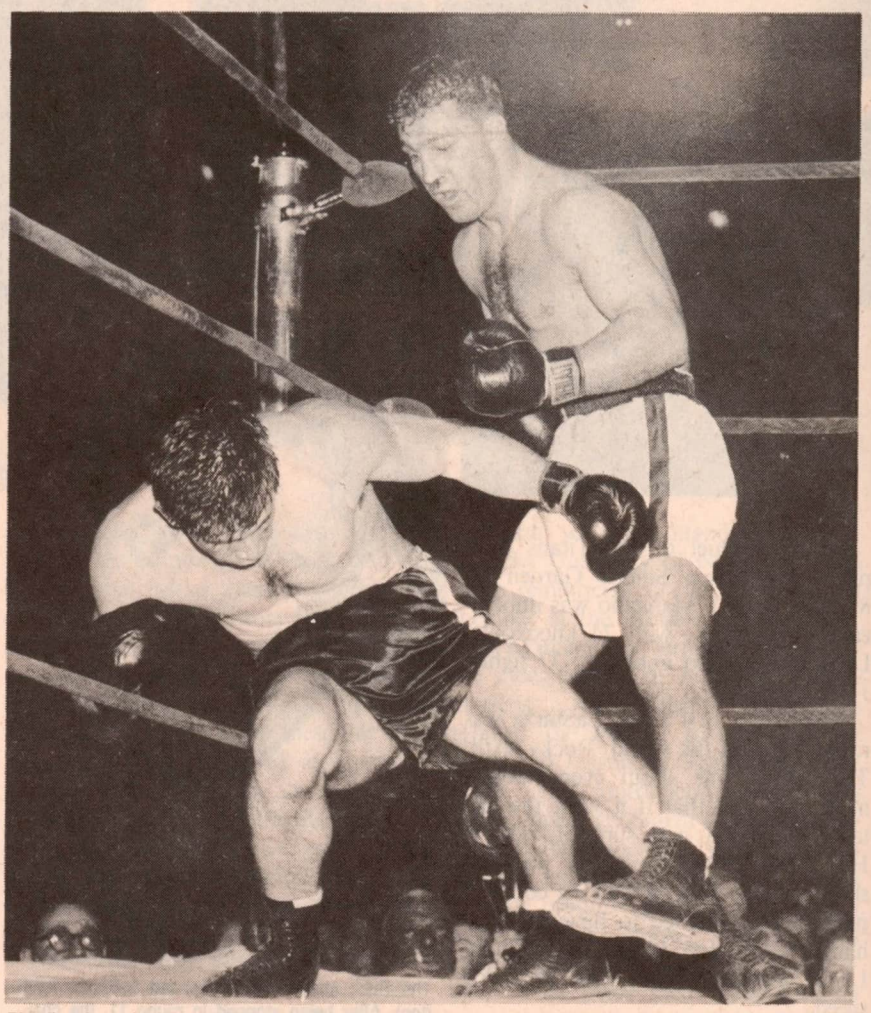
In training for the second fight, LaStarza polished his glittering skills and spent many hours working the heavybag to improve his power. However, most of the cognoscenti felt that while the challenger remained an impressive heavyweight, he would eventually succumb to Marciano's awesome power. After all, many reckoned that Rocky was the hardest-hitting heavyweight champion of all time. Consequently, LaStarza entered the fight as a 6-1 underdog.

The canny Weill trained Marciano to utilize an unorthodox but, as it turned out, highly effective tactic. The Rock was to batter away at LaStarza's arms as much as possible in order to make him eventually drop his defense.

LaStarza, however, doesn't believe that it was that strategy that led to Marciano's victory.

"There was a rumor after the fight that he hurt my shoulders and arms a lot, but the truth was that I had weak elbows from the fight before, and they were giving me trouble," he said. "They really went bad during the training before the Marciano fight. With the state of my elbows, I just couldn't give a good account of myself. During the fight I was under the influence of pain-killers, and I needed them."

The first half of the fight was even, with LaStarza's famous jab proving a highly destructive weapon. But from round six on, his bruised arms began to fall, enabling Marciano to land



Bleeding from the nose, Marciano stands over LaStarza, who had slipped in the final round of their first encounter. Marciano captured a split and disputed 10-round decision at Madison Square Garden.

This seventh-round right to the ribs illustrates the type of punishment Marciano meted out in the second half of his September 1953 title fight vs. LaStarza. Banging LaStarza's arms and body, the Rock wore down his rival. Marciano scored a knockdown in the 11th, and though LaStarza rose, the bout was halted.

punch after punch. During the first five rounds, referee Ruby Goldstein warned the champion five times about low blows, and several times for punching after the bell. In the sixth, he awarded the round to the challenger because of the Rock's low punching. But from there on, Marciano took control and wore down his opponent.

In the 11th, a right to the chin sent LaStarza sprawling through the ropes. Dazed, he rose at the count of five and was permitted to continue. But moments later, Goldstein rescued a defenseless LaStarza and stopped the fight halfway through the 11th. It was Marciano's 45th consecutive victory.

"You know," says LaStarza, "the difference in Rocky between the first fight and the second was fantastic; it was much more difficult to land a punch on him. I would have to say that Marciano was about the toughest fighter I ever met. I've been hit harder but never more often. He had tremendous stamina, that man could keep going all night. He had such a desire to be champion.

"He was also a genuinely nice guy, and after the first fight we became very good friends, though we did have a little flap at one stage about me saying something. I said, 'He gets hit a lot, and if he gets hit a lot, he'll go punchy.' But Weill had told me to say anything just to stir up interest in the fight. Believe me, I didn't think Marciano got hit too much. In fact, he improved a lot in that respect later on. So I didn't mean to denigrate his fighting or his ability to duck punches, or anything like that . . . it was just something to say. We were just two guys who were going to fight, and we wanted to build up an interest. Some people don't understand this. But Rocky knew what it was all about.

"Even so, there were several articles—even a book has been written—talking about me, saying that because I said Marciano got hit a lot, he punched me around in that second fight, but that's not true. [Weill said after the fight that Marciano "was mad at the guy."] Marciano couldn't hit me on the behind for the first five rounds. Then in the sixth I got a shot on my bad elbow, the strength went out of me, and I just stood there from then on. I couldn't move. I took it for five more rounds. They claimed he was punishing me instead of kayoing me, but he tried his damnedest to knock me out, and he couldn't do it for those last five rounds because I took a good punch. I was still standing when they stopped the fight."

More than 15 years elapsed between Marciano-LaStarza II and the Rock's death.

"We Italians have a saying: 'The best way to get praise is to die,' " said LaStarza. "But you could say that Rocky literally had the best of both worlds—a living legend first and immortal in death.

"It is strange how in sport your life can be so inseparably linked to that of another person. They used to say that once somebody fought Marciano, they were never the same again. That certainly applied to Don Cockell, and though there were extenuating circumstances, it was also true in my case—I was never the same." ■

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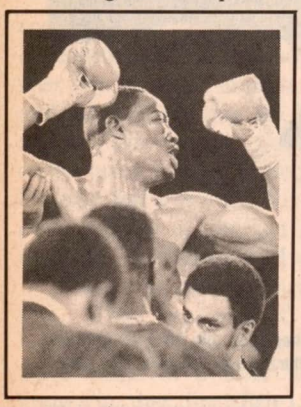
RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Aaron Davis

After Aaron Davis decisioned Curtis Summit in May, two things were certain. First, Davis had benefited from an extremely generous decision. Second, if Davis were a legitimate top-10 contender, the welterweight division was reaching.



For Davis, the Summit fight was the latest in a string of uninspired victories. Davis had talent; he had established himself as a hot prospect in 1987 and 1988. And he had proved his resolve in a gutty cut-eye performance vs. veteran Horace Shufford in October 1988. But in sleepy wins over Luis Santana, Gene Hatcher, Russell Mitchell, and Summit, Davis seemed a contender who had flattened out.

Hindsight, of course, tells us that all Davis needed was a fight to get excited about. That came when he challenged WBA welterweight champion Mark Breland. How a matchup of the Bronx (Davis) vs. Brooklyn (Breland) landed in Reno says a lot about the state of boxing in New York City. Nevertheless, Davis-Breland turned into a gory shootout and one of the most entertaining battles of the year. As it turned out, there was plenty for Davis to get excited about.

LUIS MENDOZA-RUBEN PALACIOS

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA—In an odd sort of way, Jesus Salud can feel that there is some justice in the world.

The WBA stripped Salud of its junior featherweight title in April for refusing to meet number-one rated Luis Mendoza in the challenger's native Colombia. A title-filler between Mendoza and countryman Ruben Dario Palacios, rated second, was scheduled to give the WBA a more compliant champion.

As it turned out, neither of the Colombians could fill Salud's shoes; their 12-round bout ended in a draw. The title will remain vacant until they can be rematched. Then again, at the rate the WBA is going, no one may ever be able to replace Salud.

Palacios, 40-6-1 (18), started out strong and seemed to be leading. But Mendoza's international experience paid off in the late rounds. This was his second crack at the WBA title—he was outclassed a year ago by Mexican Juan Jose Estrada. This time, Mendoza, 26-2-2 (12), kept coming, and in the final round had Palacios on the verge of being knocked out.

The judges were split, with one voting for Mendoza, one for Palacios, and one scoring even. A crowd of nearly 9,000 showed up in a Cartagena bullring for the championship card.

Mendoza left the ring with cuts on his right eyebrow and lower lip.

On the undercard, Arcelio Diaz, Colombia, won the vacant Latin American super bantamweight title by stopping veteran Edgar Monserrat, Panama, in the 10th round of a war.

Eliecer Julio, Colombia, scored a sixth-round TKO over Venezuela's Abraham Torres in a bantamweight bout scheduled for 10 rounds. (5-25-90)

Bruce Williams

MARCOS VILLASANA-PAUL HODKINSON

MANCHESTER, ENGLAND—After an enthralling battle for the vacant WBC featherweight title at the G-Mex Centre, Villasana, 125, Acapulco, Mexico, emerged victorious via eighth-round stoppage over the luckless Hodkinson, 125½, Liverpool, England.

Merely stating the result, however, does not do justice to the courage, determination, tenacity, and endurance exhibited by both combatants in a fight that at times reached epic proportions.

Near the end of the decisive eighth round, Villasana landed his best combination of the fight and Hodkinson fell to the canvas. He stumbled to his knees and warily regained his feet. Throwing his arms in the air in despairingly futile motion, he shouted in the direction of referee Arthur Mercante, "I can't see, I can't see."

With bruised flesh surrounding both of "Hoko's" eyes, Mercante had no alternative but to stop the fight.

Villasana, winning the 126-pound title on his *fifth* try, was hit flush on the jaw by about 10 punches with knockout potential, but not once did he take the refuge of a trip to the canvas. Certainly he was hurt, and for sure he could not, at times, disguise it. But he was never discouraged and he always tigerishly fought back.

Villasana, who had gone the distance in title fights with Azumah Nelson (twice), Jeff Fenech, and Antonio Esparragoza, against whom he scored a draw, was the betting favorite. But European champion Hodkinson, 24, immediately took the fight to his 29-year-

old foe, scoring frequently and effectively.

Rounds two and three saw Hodkinson settle down into a relaxed rhythm. He put plenty of pressure on the Mexican, but also sustained a cut over the left eye, which was patched over between rounds by Paddy Byrne.

In round four, Hodkinson began to land his punches with more precision and greater authority. However, it was also in the fourth that his left eye ominously started to swell.

A tremendous combination rocked Villasana midway through round five, and Hoko completely dominated the remainder of the round, landing a series of right cross-left hook combinations. At the end of the round, the boxers momentarily paused and looked at each other in a manner of mutual respect. Rounds six and seven were fought at a torrid pace. Hodkinson still held the initiative, albeit with an increasingly loosening grip. The condition of his eyes was now a matter of grave concern, with the left eye closed and the right all but closed. At the end of the seventh, Hodkinson told his cornermen, "If I could see him, I could beat him." It might well have been the epitaph on this memorable fight.

A point was deducted from Villasana for low punching in round eight, but it didn't matter because the finishing line was well out of Hodkinson's reach. With 20 seconds to go in the round, Hoko fell under a hail of punches but quickly got up. Mercante's stoppage came at 2:50.

Hodkinson was overcome with emotion as he recalled the last agonizing moments. "There was no point in going on," he said. "I couldn't see, I couldn't see."

His father echoed to no one in particular, "He didn't do anything wrong. He did nothing wrong."

Villasana is 50-7-3 (44). Hodkinson, who remained first in the WBC featherweight ratings, is 17-1-1 (17).
(6-2-90)

Brian Doogan

JORGE PAEZ-TROY DORSEY

LAS VEGAS—Given the results of his recent defenses, "Maromero" Paez may lose the IBF featherweight title before he abdicates.

Even in this oasis of chance, Lady Luck isn't going to be so kind forever. But Paez, 126, Mexicali, Mexico, got another big kiss when he retained the crown via 12-round draw against Dorsey, 125¾, Dallas, before a crowd of 4,421 at the Las Vegas Hilton.

In February, the first Paez-Dorsey fight also produced frustration and controversy when Paez, weakened by a last-minute effort to make weight, prevailed via split decision. (Most observers felt Dorsey had won.)

In the rematch, there was little alteration in either fighter's format. Dorsey nullified Paez' punching room by locking his head on the champion's shoulder and keeping him pinned on the ropes or in the corners. A properly conditioned Paez threw the bigger bombs, but he rarely delivered them often enough for a clear-cut margin.

There wasn't much to separate Dorsey and Paez

The opinions of judges Keith McDonald, Dalby Shirley, and Jerry Roth were split. McDonald had it even at 114-114; Shirley gave it to Dorsey, 116-110; Roth voted for Paez, 115-113. *The Ring* scored for Paez, 115-113.

After the final bell, the debate began. Did Dorsey, who outpunched Paez nearly 4 to 1 and remained the aggressor in every round, merit the verdict? Or were Paez' sporadic combinations and jolting uppercuts and hooks—he was clearly the more powerful puncher—worthy of a victory, or even a dead heat?

From a physical standpoint, Dorsey looked the loser, finishing with both eyes discolored and swollen, two cuts under the right eye, and a cut inside the mouth. Paez had a lump around his right eye.

Still, the number-three contender sponged up everything Paez could throw and was never close to being knocked down, all the while throwing an estimated 1,000 punches.

Dorsey is a stoic performer, and he stayed that way, even when Paez entered the ring in a full-length white sequined robe with purple fluff cuffs and collar. It didn't seem to bother the challenger either when Paez moonwalked in the middle rounds. But Dorsey answered Paez' antics with "accidental" shots after the bell ending the 10th, 11th, and 12th rounds.

Paez, appearing indifferent to the assignment at hand, trailed on the cards by two to four points through the first six rounds.

He rallied in the second half, however, and for the final round they were back in the trenches, toe to toe, head to head, punching with maximum impact. Dorsey took the round on all cards to forge the draw and disprove the theory that in the clutch, Paez always does enough to win.

Paez, who made his eighth defense, is 35-2-3 (25); Dorsey 11-3-3 (9). The champion earned $110,000, while Dorsey picked up $55,000.

"What can I say? You saw the fight," said Paez. "The judges didn't. This time I really beat Dorsey, but he is a very brave warrior. If they pay me enough, I'll fight him again."

"I'm disappointed in the decision because I felt I beat Paez clearly," said Dorsey. "He did fight back, but I know I hurt him. He didn't hit me any

harder this time."

Nacho Huizar, Paez' manager, said negotiations had begun for Paez to move up and bid for Tony Lopez' IBF junior lightweight title.
(7-8-90)

Jack Welsh

LUISITO ESPINOSA-HURLEY SNEAD

BANGKOK, THAILAND—Filipino Espinosa, 118, kept the WBA bantamweight title, making good use of his reach to batter Snead, Detroit, 118, dropping him thrice and halting him after eight rounds at Rajadamnern Stadium. It was the first card here ever headlined by non-Thais.

Espinosa, 22, had dethroned a Thai, Kaokor Galaxy, in Bangkok last October. Snead, the perennial top contender, was the champion's first obstacle. Their encounter was originally scheduled for the undercard of the Chavez-Taylor title bout in Las Vegas in March. It was postponed when the champion suffered chicken pox three days before the fight.

Midway through round one, Espinosa, a 5'7" stylist, landed a sharp one-two to the face, and Snead tumbled down. Panamanian referee Carlos Berrocal issued a nine-count, and then Espinosa went for the kayo. The more experienced Snead, 39-2-1 (27), barely lasted the round.

Snead, 30, crashed again in the second, with the champion firing a combination followed by a vicious hook. Snead again pulled himself up, and though Espinosa followed up, he was too anxious to punch with accuracy. In round three, the Filipino attempted to finish the glassy-eyed challenger, but looked too nervous and stiff. He kept throwing roundhouse hooks, though his corner was yelling, "Jab, jab, jab!"

In the fourth, Espinosa showed his nimble footwork, moving side to side, while Snead, whose right eye became puffed, weaved and stalked. In the fifth, Snead's damaged eye kept him from judging the correct punching distances, and he missed often. Meanwhile, Espinosa unleashed terrific combinations against a stationary target. The sixth was also taken by Espinosa, who turned loose in the last minute.

It seemed the end was imminent, but the seventh was Snead's best round. Instructed by manager Hermie Rivera to box, Espinosa kept moving while searching for an opening. Snead caught him with a hook, and Espinosa fell, but jumped up like an acrobat, and Berrocal ruled no knockdown. An encouraged Snead nevertheless rained punches. Espinosa's footwork allowed him to elude all blows except those aimed at his midsection.

The next round became the last round. Espinosa caught the flatfooted Snead with a series of short one-twos, and Snead hit the deck, his hands covering his right eye. (The challenger later claimed he had been thumbed.) Upon Snead's rise, Berrocal had the challenger's eye examined by the ringside physician. Given the circumstances, the timing of such an examination was curious.

Surprisingly, the fight was resumed. Snead managed to last the remainder of the round, but handler Taylor Smith didn't allow him out for the ninth.

The scoring at the time of the stoppage: Eung Myung Bae (Korea), 78-71, Chalerm Prayadsup (Thailand), 79-70, and Hiroyuki Tezaki (Japan), 78-71, all for the champion. Espinosa is 24-5 (12).

Espinosa physically resembles Alexis Arguello. What he needs is more experiences against name opponents. With his height, reach, speed, and power, he has the potential to become a double champion. In fact, he had difficulty making the 118-pound weight limit and had to make two trips to the scale the morning of the fight.

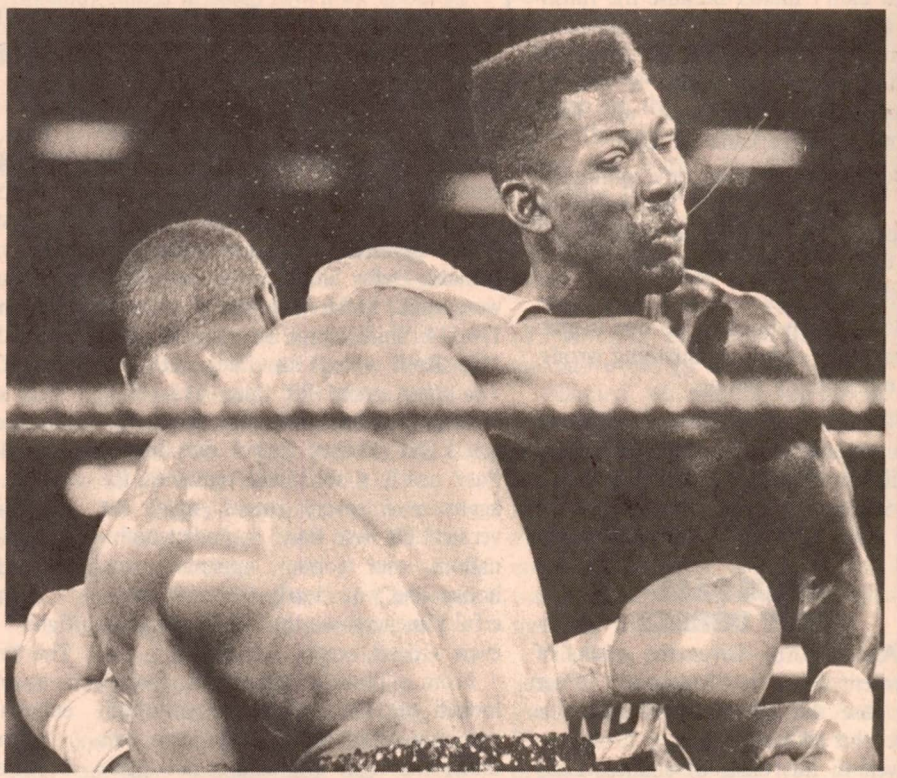
In his next defense, the champion will fight once-beaten Thanomsak Sithboabay, the WBA's top-ranked junior bantamweight.
(5-30-90)

Joe Koizumi

AARON DAVIS-MARK BRELAND

RENO, NEVADA—It was only halfway through round one that Davis, 146, Bronx, New York, 30-0 (17), snapped a jab that almost knocked down defending WBA welterweight champion Breland, 146¼, New York City, 27-2-1 (20), at Harrah's Casino. That the challenger, whose reach was seven inches shorter than the champion's, should introduce himself in such a manner was a sure sign that this rumble was going to be extraordinary.

It was the kind of fight in which



Davis lands the bloody, sweaty knockout punch

something noteworthy happened almost every round. There was the near-knockdown in the first, and a pair of big Davis hooks that scored just before the bell. Breland won the second by unleashing his one-two combinations, but he was again wiggled by a jab, and an overhand right bloodied his mouth.

With 15 seconds left in the third, Breland started a wide hook. But Davis countered with two hooks of his own, and Breland, whose balance has never been featured in boxing textbooks, landed on his rump. There was no followup assault because the bell sounded just after referee Mills Lane issued his eight-count.

Davis opened the fourth squinting through a badly swollen right eye that would soon feature a pair of cuts just below the bottom lashes.

"I started seeing three people," he said. For the next few rounds, the challenger begged Dr. Jim McLennan and Lane not to stop the fight.

In the fourth, Breland, establishing control by walking forward behind a scoring jab, began bleeding from the nose. The fifth was relatively uneventful, but in the sixth, Davis, sensing desperation after a mid-round visit to McLennan, bodyslammed Breland to the canvas and later staggered him with a left-right.

After the seventh, during which Breland again grabbed the momentum by punching in combination, it seemed likely that the champion would retain the title by TKO. Unless, of course, Davis would be able to manage something dramatic.

The eighth was the round of the fight, with Davis dominating early with roundhouse power hooks, and Breland rallying to stun the challenger with a jab-right uppercut combo. By the round's end, Davis, like Breland, was bleeding from the mouth.

Late in the ninth, the end came suddenly and spectacularly. With 15 seconds remaining, Breland jabbed and followed with a lazy cross. Davis countered and connected solidly with an overhand right, and the champion crumpled at his feet. The official time was 2:56. Breland lay prone of the canvas for several moments and was taken to St. Mary's Hospital for observation. (Davis was also hospitalized for stitches.)

At the time of the kayo, judges Patricia Jarman and Doug Tucker had Davis ahead, 77-74 and 76-75, respectively, while Larry Rozadilla favored Breland, 76-74. *The Ring* had it 75-75.

"Mark had more heart than I expected him to," said Davis.

"He was just better than me tonight," said Breland. "I'm not gonna quit right now. I'm gonna try to get a rematch."

SUNG KIL MOON-GILBERTO ROMAN

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—Roman, 28, came to Korea to win the WBC super flyweight title for the third time. The Mexican, however, quit after the eighth round, as Moon, 115, furiously stalked him no matter how many punches he was missing. Roman was more skillful and experienced. But a lack of sufficient training and clean living has deprived him of his motivation. His poor conditioning was in evidence at Palpal Gymnasium.

The 26-year-old Moon, nicknamed "Korean Fists of Stone," won the WBC title by controversial technical decision over Nana Konadu in January. The first round of his first defense saw another explosion of his fists. Moon began by throwing lefts and rights at his elusive target, but Roman averted the champion's roundhouse blows. Then, suddenly, Moon landed a sweeping hook, and down Roman went. He jumped up after referee Richard Steele's eight-count, and for the remainder of the round cleverly outmaneuvered the willing Moon.

The second round witnessed Roman displaying his vaunted skills by outjabbing and outlegging the champion. Moon missed many blows, but took the third, as he repeatedly landed in the last minute. A butt opened a cut on the end of Roman's right eyebrow, and blood streamed down on his cheek.

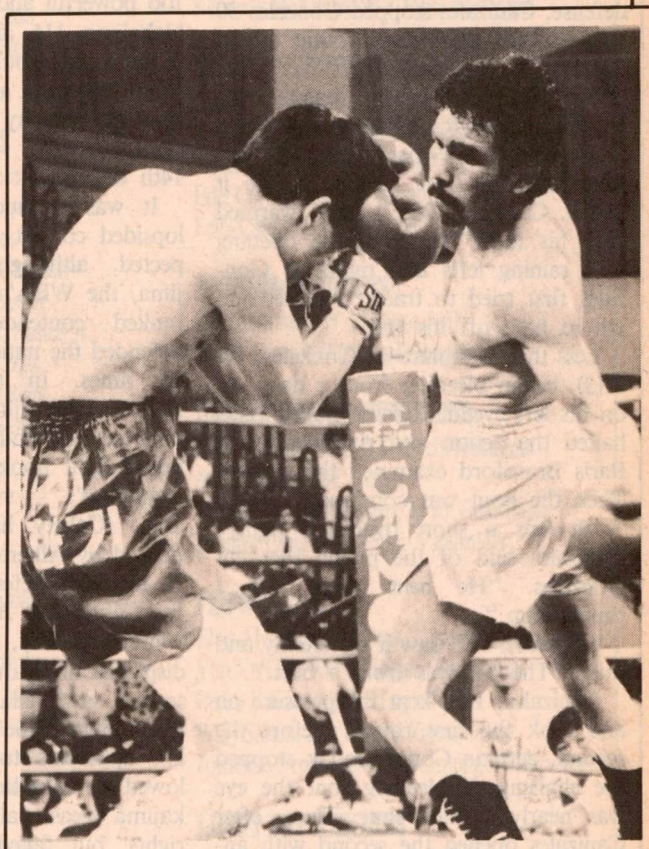
The Mexican dominated the fourth with fast jabs and one-twos. Accurate as his blows were, Roman began showing his fatigue. The energetic Moon continued punching in round five. Though too many blows hit the air, he had Roman on the defensive.

In the sixth, Roman decided to exchange blows at close range. He impressively outpunched Moon with lefts and right uppercuts. But the Mexican veteran used up his energy in the hot rallies.

The seventh saw Roman content to block and avert Moon's non-stop punches. Moon was relentless in his pursuit, and when Steele came to Roman's corner to indicate the next round's number, the challenger said to him, *"No mas. Muy fatigado."* (No more. Very much tired.) Steele rushed to Moon's corner and raised the bewildered winner's hand. It was a disappointment that Roman gave up in the manner that he did.

The scoring at the time of the stoppage: all three American judges, Cindy Bartin Hunter, Lou Filippo, and Chuck Hassett, had Moon ahead by 77-74.

Rafael Mendoza, the manager of the loser, gloomily said, "Roman has been fighting too long, since he was a boy. He was tired of boxing. He now has



Roman's last fight was a loss to Moon

money through many title bouts. No motivation to fight on. He wasn't prepared for this fight well."

Roman fell to 54-6-1 (35). Moon is 12-1 (10). His next defense will be a mandatory against the top-rated Konadu.

Promoter: Camel Promotions

WBC witness: Bobby Naidoo (Australia)

(6-9-90)

Joe Koizumi

Editor's Note: Roman was killed in a car accident 18 days after losing to Moon. See "Ringside" on page 4 for more on the former champion.

ORLANDO CANIZALES-PAUL GONZALES

EL PASO, TEXAS—Revenge didn't prove as sweet as IBF bantamweight champion Canizales had hoped, but a win is a win, and the Texan avenged his only loss in his fourth title defense. Canizales stopped Gonzales 30 seconds into the second round on an eye cut.

For the challenger and many in the El Paso County Coliseum crowd of about 3,500 (2,800 paid), the fight was disappointingly over almost before it began. Canizales, 25-1-1 (21), swarmed over his taller foe from the opening bell, raining lefts and rights as Gonzales first tried to trade, then set and jab to hold off his foe.

Less than a minute in, Gonzales, 14-2 (3), began bleeding from a deep cut on his left eyelid. Referee Barry Yeats halted the action and ringside doctor Paris Bransford examined the wound. Then the bout was continued.

"It was a short overhand right," Canizales said of the punch that cut Gonzales. "He bent down and I caught him."

Gonzales, 117, saw it differently and said, "The cut was from a butt."

Canizales, 118, kept the pressure on and took the first round. Before the second, cutman Chuck Bodak stopped the challenger's bleeding, but the eye was nearly swollen shut. Then, after Canizales opened the second with another kamikaze attack, the blood flowed freely. The doctor was again called in, and the bout was halted.

"More than likely it was a cut artery," Dr. Bransford said.

IBF representative Mike Cusimano and members of the Texas commission huddled for more than 15 minutes before confirming the announcement that the official result was a TKO victory for the champion.

"I'm more than willing to give him a rematch because the next time I know I'll knock him out," said Canizales.

U.S. Olympian Todd Foster, 138½, Great Falls, Montana, dominated en route to an eighth-round stoppage of Santos "Apache" Moreno, 138¾, Juarez, Mexico. Foster is 12-0 (12). Moreno dropped to 43-20-1 (28).

Stephen Martinez, 149, Houston, and Pedro de la Cruz, 149, Juarez, battled to a spirited six-round draw. The scoring: 59-55, Martinez, 57-57, and 58-58. Martinez is 14-0-1 (13); de la Cruz 11-1-1 (9).

(6-10-90)

Bruce Williams

KHAOSAI GALAXY-SHUNICHI NAKAJIMA

CHIANG MAI, THAILAND—Dynamite-fisted lefty Galaxy, 115, proved too powerful and ringwise for Japan's Nakajima, 115, and halted him at 2:24 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12-round title bout at Chiang Mai Municipality Gymnasium. It was Galaxy's 14th defense.

It was a much more lopsided contest than expected, although Nakajima, the WBA's second-ranked contender, had defended the national title six times. In the first round, Nakajima attempted to land roundhouse right hooks to the champion's vulnerable chin. (Galaxy had been decked by Alberto Castro in his 11th defense, and by Cobra Ari Blanca in March.) Galaxy, however, displayed his crafty defensive skill. The second saw Galaxy find his distance. He whipped the Japanese with solid left uppercuts to the midsection followed by right hooks to the face. Nakajima occasionally retaliated with wild rights, but failed to catch the slick-moving champion.

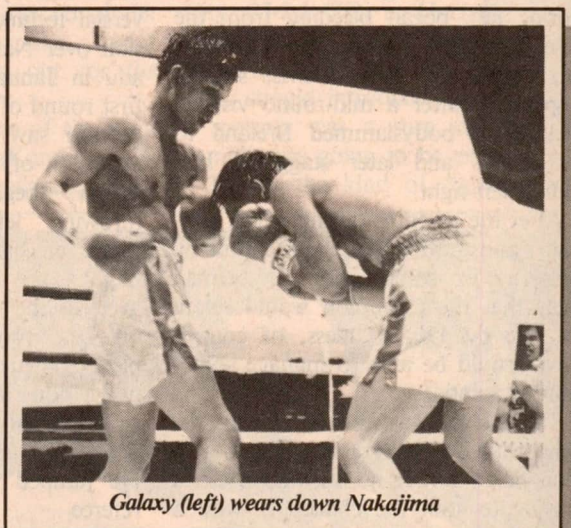
In round three, Galaxy went for the finish with mighty lefts and rights. The fourth was also dominated by Galaxy, whose accurate punches caught the durable mover from all angles. Galaxy changed his strategy in the fifth, when he became a clever counterpuncher. Nakajima kept boring in while seeking openings at close range. But Thailand's Galaxy displayed fine boxing, sidestepping and outjabbing his foe.

In the eighth, Galaxy opened bad gashes under both eyebrows of Nakajima. His face bloodied, the Japanese tried to fight back with his last energy, but he had suffered too much damage. American referee Ed Eckert wisely halted the one-sided bout. Galaxy is 44-1 (39).

"Nakajima was the toughest challenger I have ever met from the viewpoint of the durability," the jubilant champion said. "He was a real tough guy. I will go for the 16th defense [to beat the Orient record of 15 defenses set by Jung Koo Chang]. It means that I will not hang up my gloves until extending my record with at least two more defenses."

Nakajima, 23-5 (15), praised Galaxy's strength. "His punch was like stone," he said. "He was much stronger and more shifty than I expected. I wanted to fight more . . . "

The scoring at the time of the stoppage: Rodolfo Maldonado (Panama), 70-64, Narciso Macachor (Philippines), 70-63, and Dong Ahn Park (Korea), 70-63, all for the champion. Galaxy still looks unbeatable.



Galaxy (left) wears down Nakajima

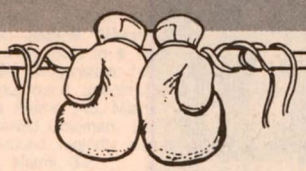
The popularity of Galaxy, the national hero of Thailand, is beyond description. Local sponsors gave him land, a mansion, and a Mercedes-Benz, among other gifts, in a prefight ceremony that lasted about 20 minutes.

In the semifinal, unbeaten Chana Porpaoin, the WBA's third-ranked minimumweight, 105, advanced to 16-0 (9), as he outpunched and overpowered Filipino Manny Melchor in 10 rounds.

(6-30-90)

Joe Koizumi ■

WORLDWIDE RESULTS



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Alex Stewart KO 7 Jamie Howe
Riddick Bowe KO 3 Art Tucker
Pierre Coetzer KO 9 Phil Brown
Johnny DuPlooy W 10 Lee Roy Murphy
Lennox Lewis W 8 Ossie Ocasio
Markus Bott W 10 Manfred Jassman

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Johnny Nelson KO 2 Arthur Weathers
Nate Miller KO 9 Ed Smith
Young Joe Louis W 10 Marvin Camel
Jim MacDonald KO 5 Mike DeVito
Alfred Cole W 8 Keith McMurray

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Virgil Hill W 12 Tyrone Frazier
(Retains WBA Title)
Bobby Czyz KO 7 Andrew Maynard
Booker Word KO 9 Kemper Morton
James Kinchen W 10 Tim Williams
Drake Thadzi KO 3 Wesley Reid
Melvin Ricks KO 4 Roddy MacDonald

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Nelson Alvez KO 3 Nicky Walker

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Reggie Johnson KO 2 Greg Dickson
Ron Essett W 10 Robbie Sims
Carl Sullivan KO 6 Pete Seward
James Toney KO 4 Ricardo Bryant

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Terry Norris W 12 Rene Jacquot
(Retains WBC Title)
Julio Cesar Vasquez KO 1 Raul Sanchez
Jorge Castro KO 3 Richard Silva
Jorge Castro KO 2 Pedro Chavero
Quincy Taylor KO 7 Mario Gaston
Carlos Elliot KO 2 Dae Heum Yun
Brett Lally KO 4 Robert Hines
Raymundo Torres Jr. W 12 Roman Nunez
San Juan Gutierrez W 12 Donnie Poole

WELTERWEIGHTS
Aaron Davis KO 9 Mark Breland
(Wins WBA Title)
Engels Pedroza KO 4 Louis Howard
Glenwood Brown W 10 Daniel Sclarandi
Kevin Pompey W 12 Darren Morris
Harold Brazier KO 4 Rick Kaiser
Manning Galloway KO 8 Juan Estrada
Nika Kumalo KO 7 Robin Blake
Darryl Lattimore W 10 Victor Davis
Jerry Page KO 3 Donald Gwynn
Larry Barnes KO 6 Manuel DeLeon
Kenny Gould W 8 Dorrell Van Horn

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Roger Mayweather W 10 Terrence Alli
Terrence Alli KO 9 Othal Dixon
John Duplessis KO 8 Juan Torres
Angel Hernandez KO 3 Bazooka Limon
Rafael Pineda W 10 Amancio Castro
Kyung Duk Ahn W 10 Florencio Pastor Jr.
Charles Murray KO 4 Alfredo Rojas
Hugo Hernandez KO 8 Jorge Melian
Donald Stokes KO 6 Anthony Fletcher
Pat Barrett KO 1 Juan Nunez

LIGHTWEIGHTS
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Anthony Jones KO 2 Cesar Martinez
Dingaan Thobela KO 4 Pascual Aranda
Rolando Navarette KO 7 Ayuthaya Sithfakamron
Michael Benjamin KO 8 Barrington Cambridge
Sharmba Mitchell KO 5 Eric Podolak
Shane Knox W 10 Pat Leglise
Jesse Williams W 12 Alphonso Walker
Kelcie Banks W 6 Gabriel Castro

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Tracy Patterson KO 3 Sammy Ruiz
Mike Cappiello W 10 Carmelo Hernandez
Pedro Gutierrez KO 12 Mark Reefer
Jorge Diaz W Disq. 3 Roberto Granciosa

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Jorge Paez D 12 Troy Dorsey
(Retains IBF Title)
Louie Espinoza KO 5 Enrique Sanchez
Louie Espinoza KO 5 Jesus Muniz
Pee Wee Parker W 12 Jesus Poll
Rafael Zuniga KO 3 Alvaro Bohorquez
Rafael Ruelas W 10 Abe Gomez
Manuel Medina W 10 Steve Cruz
Harold Warren W 10 Tom Johnson
Miguel Francia W 10 Marcelo Luna
Kennedy McKinney W 8 Jorge Rodriguez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Israel Contreras KO 1 Wilfredo Vasquez
Jesus Salud KO 11 Martin Ortegon
Noree Jockygym KO 3 Bong Chul Kim
Edel Geronimo W 10 Ceasar Zulueta
Felix Camacho W 12 Daryl Pinckney

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Fernie Morales W 10 Diego Avila
Junior Jones KO 2 Angel Gonzales

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Khaosai Galaxy KO 8 Shunichi Nakajima
(Retains WBA Title)
Thanomsak Sithboaobay W 10 Vic Galme
Johnny Tapia KO 5 Pablo Valenzuela

FLYWEIGHTS
Elvis Alvarez KO 2 Sergio Lagares
Yun Un Chin KO 4 Linglom Sorthospol
Pedro Feliciano KO 5 Louis Curtis
Willy Salazar KO 9 Isaias Zamudio
Jonathan Penalosa KO 1 Pormongol Chorvikul

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Nam Hoon Cha W 12 Bart Refugio

STRAWWEIGHTS
Hideyuki Ohashi W 12 Napa Kiatwanchai
(Retains WBC Title)
Far-Lan Lookmingkwan W 12 Joe Constantino
(Retains IBF Title)
Eric Chavez KO 3 Thaveelert Torboonlert
Ricardo Lopez W 10 Francisco Montiel

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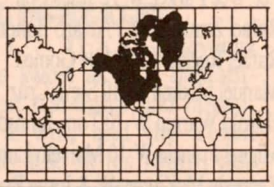

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

INGLEWOOD—Great Western Forum—Local favorite **Edward "Pee Wee" Parker** returned to the Forum to get back on the winning track after a no contest and a loss. Parker annexed the IBC featherweight crown over **Jesus Poll** in 12 dull rounds. Parker, 125¼, Houston, 21-4-2 (8), took a close decision. (All three judges scored 115-112). Poll, 126, Los Angeles, 21-4-3, came out fighting in the early rounds—a change of pace for him—but Parker's class eventually began to tell, and he pulled away down the stretch. The two contrasting styles made for an extremely dull fight.

Poll, who lost a point for low blows, has reached the unenviable classification of opponent. He is a mere shadow of the fighter who brutally destroyed Paul Banke a few years back.

The main support featured featherweights Rafael Ruelas and Abe Gomez slugging over 10 action-packed rounds. Ruelas, 126, Arleta, 18-0 (14), continues to move toward bigger and better things. Gomez, 125, Arleta, was down twice in the first round, but weathered the storm and traded from the fourth round on. Afterward, Ruelas complained about sore hands, and the skin over several of his knuckles appeared to be inflamed. Ruelas, only 19, showed a lot of maturity throughout the fight. The scores were 99-90, 100-87, and 100-89.

Heavyweight Dave Dixon came into town with a big reputation, but had to settle for a points win over awkward George Foreman lookalike Danny Wofford. Dixon, 234, Los Angeles, 6-0 (5), could never figure out Wofford, 219, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 10-11-1 (8).

Attendance: 6,012
(6-18-90)

Michael Hepworth

COLORADO

DENVER—Indoor Sports Arena—**Bobby Brewer**, 128, Aurora, scored a convincing six-round TKO over tough **Edgar Garcia**, 126, El Paso. Brewer, who took this bout on a week's notice and weighed in at his lightest ever, sent Garcia crashing to his side with a straight right in the opening minute of this scheduled eight. Garcia, 12-6 (7), went down six times in all. It was a promising win for Brewer, 10-3 (7), who has won three in a row since dropping to junior lightweight.

Donnie Giron, 156, making his first hometown appearance as a pro, scored a frightening kayo over Luis Fernando Medina, 156, El Paso, at 33 seconds of the first round. Medina was knocked down in the early seconds, and somehow beat the count. That he was allowed to continue was a mistake, however well-intended. Giron quickly nailed him again, and Medina lay unconscious for several minutes. Giron is 7-1-2 (6).

In a terrific four-round battle of local bantamweights, Max Gomez, 4-0 (2), decisioned Anthony Barela, 5-5.

Earl Jackson, 156, Denver, 3-0-1 (2), bloodied Soloman Mesa, 158, Albuquerque, who couldn't answer the bell for round three.

Promoter: Lupita Enterprises
Matchmaker: Aurelio Martinez
Referees: Novar Garcia, Paul Barcelona
Judges: Carlos Lando, Terry Smith, Ed Walsh
Physician: Dr. Gentry Dunlop
Attendance: 550 (estimated)
(6-2-90)

Ed Walsh

CONNECTICUT

NORTH HAVEN—Ramada Inn Ballroom—In a scheduled six-rounder, southpaw **Sean Malone**, 139, Wallingford, advanced to 10-0 (9) by knocking out **William Alicia**, 142, Norwalk, 1-2, at 1:10 of the fifth round.

Alicia's awkward, wild, hit-or-miss style, with his gloves raised overhead, puzzled Malone for the first three rounds. But in the fourth, a right to the jaw staggered Alicia. Malone put together a left-right-left combo that dropped his rival, and referee Lou Bogash counted him out.

Ramon Pichardo, 112, Waterbury, outpointed Derrick Sheppard, 112, Norwalk, 2-3, in a hooted six-round decision. The bout was studded with exciting moments. After Pichardo deliberately chased and hit Sheppard twice after the bell ending the second, one of Sheppard's cornermen, Ted Lowry, charged across the ring and went after Pichardo. Lowry, a heavyweight during the '50s, is the only foe to go the route twice with Rocky Marciano. But his attempt to get at Pichardo was stopped by the latter's handlers.

Shaw Fitzgerald, 156, Worcester, Massachusetts, stopped Ray Rivera, 157, Brooklyn, 0-1, at 2:13 of the first.

Jose Vera, 156, Bridgeport, 8-10, outscored Valentine Cumba, 155, Hartford, in six.

Eddie Colon, 137, Waterbury, outscored Manny Dearce, 135, Hartford, in four.

In another four-rounder, Jean Leduc, 138, Montreal, outpointed Craig Cadice, 137, Hartford.

Promoter: R&M Promotions
Referees: Lou Bogash, Matt Mallane
Judges: Bob Muravnick, Steve Epstein, Glenn Feldman
Timekeeper: Sereno Giarrantano
Physician: Dr. James O'Brien
Announcer: Lou Dell
Attendance: 525
(6-15-90)

Joseph Cassano

FLORIDA

TAMPA—Hyatt Regency—Fast-rising cruiserweight contender **Phillip Jackson**, 190, Miami, 13-0, scored a second-round kayo over **David Nall**, 185, Cleveland, 9-2, in a scheduled 10-rounder. Referee Max Parker Jr. stopped the carnage at the 1:57 mark.

Comebacking Keith Stevenson, 139, Parrish, sustained a badly cut left eye, but gutted out an eight-round split decision over equally rugged Felipe Julio, 140, Miami Beach. The scores were 76-75, 76-74 for Stevenson, and 76-75 for Julio. Stevenson is 27-5-1; Julio's record is a matter of conjecture.

Ron Mims, 170, Tampa, 3-0, spoiled the pro debut of Alex Stephens, 163½, Fort Lauderdale, by garnering a four-round unanimous decision.

Gerald Coleman, 153½, Tampa, 5-0, won a four-round unanimous decision over Rick Smith, 158, Miami, 0-2.

Kurt Haney, 154, New Port Richey, 4-0, scored a fourth-round TKO over Mike Shine, 161, Orlando, 0-3, when Shine was unable to answer the bell sounding the final round.

Derrick Wilson, 156½, Miami, had a smashing pro debut as he stopped Hudson Jean-Claude, 154, Miami, 1-1, at 1:01 of the fourth.

Darryl Dawson, 117, Tampa, 3-0-1, and Donald Gomez, 118, Miami, 0-1-1, fought to a four-round draw.

George Kellman, 137, Miami, 1-1, scored a TKO over rugged but already faded Tony Frontela, 137, 4-3-1, Hialeah, at 1:16 of the first of a scheduled four.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions
Referees: Max Parker Jr., Brian Garry
Judges: Derrell Brown, Cynthia Wrobel, Frank Skilbred
Timekeeper: Billy Herold
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(4-18-90)

HOMESTEAD—The Armory—**Juan Baldwin**, 128, Homestead via Odessa, Texas, stopped **Jose Felipe**, 124, Miami, at 1:57 of the second, scheduled for 10.

The first round was fairly even, but Baldwin, 8-1, landed harder shots. Baldwin jarred Felipe, 5-1, in the second frame with a left hook followed by a right to the head. Seconds later, Baldwin dropped him with a hook to the jaw. Felipe beat the count, but Baldwin sent him down for a final time with a right to the head, which caused Felipe's corner and referee Juan Arias to end it.

In a tedious matchup, Patrick Simeon, 130, Miami, overcame the constant movement and the grappling tactics of Robinson Sanchez, 129½, Miami, to register an eight-round unanimous decision. Simeon is 5-2; Sanchez 18-5-2.

It's hard to tell just how good 19-year-old Johar Abu-Lashin, 144, Miami, is. This teenage whirlwind can hit *hard*, but he has yet to be matched against someone with comparable skills. Abu-Lashin, 144, Miami, 4-0 (4), dropped Santos, 141, Florida City, early on with a left-right combination. The end came at 50 seconds of the first; scheduled for four. Santos, 0-7, was indefinitely suspended by the commission.

Julian Garcia, 135, Homestead, 2-0, battered hapless Spencer Phillips, 137, Leisure City, 0-4, with combinations and blasted him out with a double overhand right to the head 30 seconds into the first of a scheduled four-rounder.

In the walkout, Jeff Schuyler, 138, Miami, 1-2, used a decent jab and left hooks to the body to claim a four-round unanimous decision over Dean Baldwin, 138, Dade City, 2-1.

Promoter: T-N-T Boxing Promotions
Referees: Juan Arias, Jorge Ortiz
Judges: Rick Bays, Mark Streisand, Robert Balogh, Mary Mosca, Bill Ray
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(5-4-90)

MIAMI—Airport Hilton—Canada-based promoter Andrzej Kepinski brought South Florida boxing fans their first up-close-and-personal look at some of the first crop of Russian professionals with a seven-bout card (all six-rounders) dubbed "From Russia With Love." Four Russians were on the card, and three were making their professional debuts.

Charlton Hollis, 201, Fort Lauderdale, 2-1, took the fight against debuting **Alex Zolkine**, 205, Moscow in the hopes of avenging a loss he suffered at Zolkine's hands as an amateur in 1988. But Hollis stepped into the ring in less than top condition, and he paid dearly. A short left dropped Hollis in the second round. In the sixth, Zolkine dropped Hollis with a left hook, and later nailed the Floridian with a right uppercut that sent Hollis crashing to the deck. Referee Bernie Soto stopped the carnage at the 2:33 mark.

In a fight that looked like an in-the-flesh version

of Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em Robots, debuting Albert Goutchigov, 182, Grozny, got off the floor in the first round to deck Raynardo Minus, 178, Nassau, Bahamas, 6-3, three times en route to a stoppage at 2:33 of the first. There were three knockdowns.

Debuting Victor Rybakov, 141, Moscow, scored a TKO over Dion Steward, 142, Homestead, when Steward, 2-1, failed to answer the bell starting the fourth.

Iouri Alexandrov, 125, Nevinomisk, won a close six-round unanimous decision over Ignascio Solis, 126, Hialeah. Alexandrov is 2-0; Solis 2-2.

Elvis Yero, 153, Miami Beach, 8-0, won a dull but unanimous decision over Jose "Pepe" Rivera, 151, Miami Beach, 9-7-3.

Anthony Martinez, 148½, Miami, 5-4-2, bested Dave Jackson, 151, Nassau, Bahamas, over six entertaining rounds.

Manuel Murillo, 177, Hialeah, 20-4, absorbed a tremendous pummeling over two rounds at the hands of Ezeke Minnis, 182, Nassau, Bahamas, 28-4, but rebounded to score a TKO at 1:12 of the third.

Promoter: Andrzej Kepinski
Referees: Bernie Soto, Bill Connors
Judges: Rick Bays, Bill Ray, Irv Abramson, Al Wilensky
Timekeeper: Sam Guralnick
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(5-10-90)

PENSACOLA—Bayfront Auditorium—**Roy Jones Jr.** 158¼, Pensacola, 8-0, knocked out well-traveled **Ron Johnson**, 151, Oklahoma City, at 2:28 of the second, scheduled for 10 rounds.

David Sewell, 176, Pensacola, 7-0, who also trains under the tutelage of Roy Jones Sr., won an eight-round unanimous decision over Joe Lewis Godman, 166, Slidell, Louisiana, 13-10-4.

Billy Lewis, 170½, Pensacola, 5-0, stopped overmatched Tony Wellington, 165, Shelby, North Carolina, 0-4, at 1:25 of the first; scheduled for six.

Jesse Lanton, 164, Pensacola, 8-2-1, knocked out Lee Whisnant, 157, Shelby, North Carolina, 3-3, at 2:42 of the first of a scheduled six-rounder.

Art Williams, 3-0-1, Pensacola, 194, battled Sylvester White, 184, Saucier, Mississippi, 10-8-1, to a draw over four rounds.

Promoter: Square Ring
Referees: Thomas Kimmons, Brian Garry
Judges: Frank Barberi, Vincent Thomas, Johnny Walker
Timekeeper: Tom Patterson
(5-11-90)

JACKSONVILLE—St. Johns Place Marina—**Felix Camacho**, 124, Clewistown, 11-1, escaped from his eight-round battle with **Ruben Nevarez**, 122¼, Fort Worth, 4-4-2, with a majority decision. The scores were 78-75 (twice) and 75-75.

Rugged Mike Cohen, 215¼, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 27-15, shook off a series of losses in a big way as he knocked out Peter Wabuda, 240, Philadelphia, 10-4, at 46 seconds of the first.

Lee Daniel Wofford, 221, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 9-9-1, pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over comebacking Tim "Doc" Anderson, 210, Pompano Beach, 33-9-1.

Jerry Dorsey, 184¼, Port Royal, South Carolina, 9-4, kayoed Tony Abrams, 196¾, Daytona Beach, 3-2, at 1:51 of the first of a scheduled six-rounder.

Carlos Morales, 152, North Miami, knocked out Jimmy Farthing, 150, Mobile, Alabama, at 1:19 of the first round. Farthing, 5-7, was indefinitely suspended by the commission because of "lack of ability."

Promoter: Big Time Boxing Promotions (Phil Myers)
Referees: Peter Bartlett, Telis Assimenios
Judges: Charles VanDeBoe, Richard Hillman, Frank Skilbred
Timekeeper: Mark Skilbred
Attendance: 350 (estimated)
(5-11-90)

TAMPA—Hyatt Regency—In a scheduled 10-rounder, journeyman **Bobby Crabtree**, 211, Fort Smith, Arkansas, upset **Terry Anderson**, 223¾, Tampa, stopping him at 26 seconds of the fifth round.

There had been grumbling about the choice of the 30-year-old Crabtree, 39-23-2, as an opponent for Anderson, 20-3, who was being groomed as a heavyweight contender. But Crabtree dispelled those doubts.

Anderson and Crabtree engaged in a furious war over four rounds. The fifth unfolded as had the first four, until Crabtree, a southpaw, starched Anderson with a short, straight left to the chin. Anderson took a few steps backward, then crashed to the canvas.

Derrick Wilson, 156, Miami, 2-0, won a six-round unanimous decision over Clinton Mack, 155¼, Miami, 4-6-2.

Mike Harris, 195, St. Petersburg, 4-0, stopped debuting Tony Poolie, 181, Miami, at 2:28 of the second.

Jeff Schuyler, 139½, Miami, made it two wins in a row with a four-round unanimous decision win over George Kellman, 139, Miami. Schuyler is 2-2; Kellman 1-2.

Patrick Simeon, 131¼, Miami, 6-2, knocked down Jerome Wilson, 136½, Miami, 0-2, three times en route to a TKO at 1:54 of the first.

Ben Klingenstein, 147, Homosassa Springs, took a four-round unanimous decision over debuting Jack Pierre, 145, Miami.

Gerald Coleman, 160, Tampa, 6-0, garnered a four-round majority decision over Frankie Glenn, 160, Miami, 3-2.

Norman Gabriel, 147, Tampa, 8-2-1, won a four-round majority decision over debuting Anthony Salerno, 152¼, Miami Beach.

Promoter: Alessi Promotions
Referees: Brian Garry, Max Parker Jr.
Judges: Frank Skilbred, Tom Brown, Dan Raicevich, Tony Palermo
Timekeeper: Billy Herold
(5-22-90)

Ken Knox

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club—**Craig "Golden Boy" Houk**, 145, Greensburg, used good boxing skills to outpoint **Vernon Garrett**, 146, Oklahoma City, over 10 uneventful rounds. Houk stayed at long-range and used a jab and an occasional right to earn the decision. The scoring was 100-90 on all three cards.

Over six brutal rounds, Ken Hulsey, 162, Shelbyville, Tennessee, upset localite Shannon Landberg, 161, Lafayette, by majority decision.

Reuben Ruiz, 165, Indianapolis, won via TKO when Grayson Handshoe, 166, Kendallvile, failed to answer the bell for the third round.

Randy Handshoe, 156½, Kendallville, won a four-round unanimous decision over Andre Hawthorne, 153, Oklahoma City.

Kenny Brown, 146, Ft. Wayne, was too strong for Jim Kaczmarek, 141½, South Bend, and won a four-round nod. Brown floored his opponent twice in the final stanza.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Bill Vaughn, George DeFabis, Gary Guiden
Judges: Fred Jones, Lance Rhodes, Gary Merritt
Timekeepers: Harold Paton, Ellie DeFabis
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(6-5-90)

SOUTH BEND—Century Center—IBF Intercontinental 140-pound champion **Harold Brazier**, 144, South Bend, didn't have his belt on the line as he knocked down **Rick Kaiser**, 149, Winner, South Dakota, five times en route to a fourth-round TKO. Brazier is 69-10-1 (51); Kaiser a reported 27-15-1.

Jeff Bumpus, 140, Elkhart, won a six-round unanimous decision over Reggie Strickland, 146, Cincinnati. There was more wrestling than boxing.

Norman "Psycho" Bates, 138, Elkhart, took an eight-round decision over Rico Hernandez, 139, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. The scores: 78-74, 78-76, and 79-73.

Jim Kaczmarek, 144, South Bend, decisioned Vernon Garrett, 147, Oklahoma City, over four rounds.

In his pro debut, a strong-looking Mike Taylor, 165, Mishawaka, kayoed Mark Peterson, 170, Des Moines, Iowa, at 49 seconds of the opening round.

In a no-decision contest, Andy Panelli, 205, South Bend, and Dickie Ryan, 220, Omaha, duked it out over four rounds.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Sean Curtin, Pete Podgorski, Gary Guiden
Judges: Fred Jones, Bill West, Sr., Gary Merritt
Timekeepers: Virgil Strauss, Sylvester Barnes
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(6-11-90)

Gary L. Merritt

KANSAS

KANSAS CITY—Memorial Hall—Fresh from a six-month layoff after filming *Rocky V*, heavyweight **Tommy Morrison**, 214, 22-0, was eager to get back in the real ring. The 21-year-old was facing his first test since winning a unanimous decision over Ken Lakusta on the undercard of Leonard-Duran III in December.

Morrison, in much improved shape, disposed of **Charlie Woolard**, 13-4-1, Oklahoma City, with a thunderous hook that sent him to the canvas at 43 seconds of the second round; scheduled for six.

Morrison injured his left hand on the knockout punch and will be out an estimated six weeks with a broken bone.

In the co-main event, Oklahoma City's Wimpy Halstead, 223½, 44-3, scored a third-round kayo over Paul Bradshaw, 244, Phoenix. Halstead used a right to bloody Bradshaw's nose in the first round and stagger him in the second. Look for a future Morrison-Halstead showdown in Kansas City.

In the best fight of the night, Rocky Berg, 153, Leavenworth, 38-3, won a slugfest with Bobby Brown, 152, Memphis, 11-12, via sixth-round TKO. Berg, who was knocked down four times, sent Brown tumbling to the canvas five times, with referee Steve Thomasson stopping the bout following the last one.

Gary Williamson, 154, Wichita, 10-4-1, won a unanimous six-round decision over Tim Bennett, 150, Tulsa, 8-5.

Another Wichita product, Steve Langley, 162½, 17-7, won a six-round decision over Ray Domange, 161, Omaha.

Light heavyweight Cody Lemons, 180, Copan, Oklahoma, improved to 2-0 with a knockout at 2:45 of the first round over David Quinn, 184, Oklahoma City, 5-4.

Buck Smith, 155, Oklahoma City, 45-2-1, won an impressive six-round unanimous decision over Leroy Jones, 149, Little Rock, Arkansas, 15-11. Smith kept Jones out of sync with his quicker punches and was constantly moving and keeping just out of Jones' reach.

Referees: Danny Campbell, Steve Thomasson, Steve Leon
Judges: Wendell Allen, Art Morey, Fred Fensom, Jan Anderson
Timekeeper: Gordon Neal
Promoter: Ringside Productions
Matchmakers: Sean Gibbons, Greg Gorrell
Announcer: Skid Roadie
Physician: Dr. Michael Poppa
Attendance: 1,672
(6-9-90)

Tony Carbajo

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE—Mackin Community Center—In the 10-round main event, hometowners **Bradlee Williams**, 152, 20-0-1, and **Tyrone Moore**, 152, 35-8-1, fought to a draw. It was a mauling, clinching, boring affair. *The Ring* scored for Moore.

Local cruiserweight Gary "The Tiger" Steiger, 195, 12-3, had his hands full in winning a unanimous decision over Ed Blevins, 197, Hutchinson, Kansas.

The opening bout saw local lightweight "Terrible" Tim Tipton, 135, 14-4, win a unanimous decision over Bob Smith, 136, 13-7-2, Chicago, in six rounds.

Jeff Hanna, 129, Terra Haute, 25-7, knocked out Randy Crawford, 132, Memphis, 21-10, with a left hook to the head at 2:15 of the third round.

Louisville's Antoine "Sugar Rat" Robinson, 152, 10-0, kayoed a game but outclassed Ritchie Lee Roberts, 152, Miami, 8-4, in the third round of their scheduled six.

Promoter: Troy Eskridge
Judges: Sam Floyd, Joel Roitman, Chuck Sayer
Timekeeper: James Peyton
Physician: Dr. Mark Wheeler
Announcer: Jahn Tong
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
Referees: Bobby Dixon, Terry O'Brien
(6-9-90)

GEORGETOWN—Scott County Middle School—Undefeated Covington light heavyweight **"Rocky" Ray Phillips**, 13-0, continued his march toward prospect status with a first-round TKO of previously undefeated Cincinnatian **Mark Green**, 4-1. Phillips sent Green crashing to the canvas three times, and Chuck Sayer invoked the three-knockdown rule at 2:18.

Covington heavyweight John "Big Red" Morton scored a first-round TKO at 2:27 in a mismatch over much smaller Michael Green, Cincinnati.

Welterweight Delbert Taylor, Cincinnati, 2-0-1, drew with Louisville's Tim Taylor, 7-3-1. *The Ring* viewed Taylor as the clear winner.

Heavyweight Loren Ross, 16-0, TKO'd Cincinnati's David Slaughter, 7-5, who failed to answer the bell for the second round.

In a scheduled four-round middleweight mismatch, Herman Farrar, Cincinnati, 4-0, decisioned

Nashvillle's Michael Jackson.

Lightweight John Lark, Gary, Indiana, 16-0, TKO'd Cincinnati's Reggie Strickland, 15-11, in the second round.

Hometown hero Shane Lanham scored his second victory in as many bouts by defeating valiant Richmond bartender Chuck Knapp, 4-5, in a hard-fought junior welterweight contest.

Promoter: Terry O'Brien
Physician: Dr. Mark Wheeler
Attendance: 250 (estimated)
(6-15-90)

Joel Roitman

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL—Radisson Hotel Ballroom—**Jorge Romero**, 127, Mexico, 20-0, the WBA's number-eight junior lightweight, scored two knockdowns en route to a first-round kayo over last-minute substitute **Gilberto Martinez**, 130, Houston, 18-6. Referee: Manuel Melendez.

In the second half of the double main event, Anthony Stephens, 141, St. Paul, 13-2, showed a lot of ring rust, but his stiff jab and solid right were enough to stop Henry "Goodtime" Mobley, 142, Chicago, with a powerful right to the jaw in round seven. Mobley, 13-25, wobbled to his feet, but referee George Reiter stopped the bout at 2:47.

Gilbert Mitchell, 123, Minneapolis, 2-0-1, outboxed Damion Sutton, 125½, Cloquet, Minnesota, 0-1, to capture a six-round unanimous decision.

Al Brunette, 154, St. Paul, 2-0, flattened soft touch Scott Marshall, 161, Orlando, Florida, 0-1, in the first round.

Johnny Montanaz, 143½, St. Paul, 1-0, stopped Noberto Rivera, 140, Miami, in three.

Walter (Raheem Muhammad) Cowans Jr., 140½, Minneapolis, won a four-round decision over Kenneth Kidd, 140½, Jackson, Tennessee, 7-4. Cowans, who had announced his retirement in Madison two weeks before, is 18-58.

Promoter: Scott Mack Productions
Matchmaker: Kurt Noltimier
Officials: Dave Bloomberg, Stan Kowalski, Joe Azzone
Referees & Judges: Manuel Melendez, Leroy Benson, George Reiter
Physician: Dr. Sheldon Segal
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(5-30-90)

MINNEAPOLIS—Hyatt Regency Hotel—Two old cruiserweights met as 33-year-old **"Young" Joe Louis,** 196, Minneapolis, won a 10-round majority decision over 39-year-old ex-cruiserweight champion **Marvin Camel**, 198, Missoula, Montana. Louis, aka Eddie Taylor, was the aggressor through most of the fight, but Camel was able to keep it close with his counters, crouching defense, and southpaw style. Louis, 31-9-1, floored Camel, 45-13-3, in the second round. Referee Leroy Benson and judge Denny Nelson scored for Louis, 99-93 and 97-94, respectively. Judge Manny Melindez had it 99-99.

At junior welterweight, Richie Albrecht, Coon Rapids, 10-0, won a six-round unanimous decision over William Betts, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 12-13-1.

Minneapolis heavyweight James Lee Smith, 3-0, cut the eye of Harry Funmaker, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, 4-6, and scored a TKO in the second round.

Cortez Box, Minneapolis, 2-0-0, knocked out Jimmy DePetro, Green Bay, 0-2, in the first round; junior welterweights.

Pro debuting Thomas Jones, Minneapolis, knocked out Elmer Houge, Lincoln, North Dakota, 0-6-1, in the first round; middleweights.

Promoter: Joe Daszkiewicz
Referee: Leroy Benson
Judges: Denny Nelson, Manny Melindez
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(6-11-90)

George D. Blair

NEBRASKA

OMAHA—Peoney Park Ballroom—In a rematch, **Kenny Schaefer**, Ralston, Nevada, avenged his only pro defeat by winning a blistering 12-round unanimous decision over **Carlos Santistivan**, Lincoln. Schaefer captured the Mid-American super middleweight title.

Schaefer took charge from the opening bell, dropping Santistivan, who barely beat the count, early in round one. Santistivan roared back in the later rounds and made Schaefer, 14-1, give ground. But Schaefer would not be denied, and he rocked the Lincolnite with dynamite salvos to head and body.

In the co-main event, crowd-pleasing Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan, 220, Omaha, was given a good scrap from Eddie Blackwell, 205, Hays, Kansas, in their scheduled six. Blackwell was floored twice. The end came at 2:10 of round three. Ryan is 14-1. He sparred with George Foreman before the Adilson Rodriguez fight.

Irish Dan Murphy, 210, Ft. Calhoun, knocked down stubborn Eddie Johnson, 190, Oklahoma City, three times en route to a six-round unanimous decision.

Tony Menefee, 146, Lincoln, battered game but outclassed Skip Hansford, 148, Omaha, en route to a fourth-round TKO.

Mike Juarez, 130, Omaha, TKO'd Jason Harrison, 125, Oklahoma City, in the second round.

The night's big upset was posted by Vince Foster, 158, Omaha, who scored a second-round TKO over tough Issac Quarles, 158, Lincoln.

Promoter: F & F Berns
Announcer: Jim Kelter
Referees: Ben Belmont, Ron Stander
Judges: Bob Ruiz, Bill Murphy, Don O'Neil, Dick McGinnis
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(6-19-90)

Bob Ruiz

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS—The Mirage—If somebody gives an award for the freakiest fight of 1990, there is no challenger to Las Vegas junior lightweight **Jeff Franklin's** turnaround, seventh-round, TKO over previously undefeated **Gabriel Ruelas**, North Hollywood, California. The weird windup unfolded on the undercard of IBF middleweight champion Michael Nunn's decision over Marlon Starling.

Ruelas, 130, looked like a cinch to win his 22nd straight victory. He scored well throughout the early rounds, and decked Franklin, 131, for the first time in his career with a solid right in the fifth. But Franklin, 22-4-3, whose eyes were swollen and seeping blood, was able to surive the round.

Ruelas, 19, had pitched a shutout entering the sixth round, but in a torrid exchange along the ropes, the talented prospect suddenly injured his right elbow. Ruelas gave it a try in the seventh, though the injured limb was dangling at his side. Rushing out at the bell, Franklin, 27, threw a quick combination at Ruelas' right elbow, which was later diagnosed as fractured. Ruelas slumped to the floor in obvious pain. Referee Richard Steele immediately waved the fight over at the 1:05 mark.

Rafael Ruelas, 127, 16-0, the upset victim's brother, knocked out Arturo Hernandez, 128, Los Angeles, 24-26-2, at 1:34 of the first round of a slated eight-round bout, and immediately charged Franklin with "fighting my brother dirty, and now I want a shot at him."

Riddick Bowe, 230, Brooklyn, 16-0 (14), was sluggish in posting an eight-round unanimous decision over Eddie Gonzalez, 238, San Antonio. Gonzales, who had won only four of his last 16 fights, is 25-13-1.

Jimmy Ellis, 229, Redondo Beach, California, recovered from a first-round knockdown to stop Don Askew, 197, Memphis, at 2:50 of round one.

Antoine Byrd, 165, Los Angeles, 17-1-1, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Tim Williams, 166, San Diego, 16-13-1.
(4-14-90)

LAS VEGAS—Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion—**Greg Page's** dream of ever fighting Mike Tyson vanished on the end of an overhand right to his jaw, courtesy of unranked and unheralded **Mark Wills**, Los Angeles. The end came for the former WBA heavyweight champion, Louisville, at 1:34 of the sixth round. It was Wills' second win over Page, 218. This was a windup before Pernell Whitaker's lightweight title defense vs. Azumah Nelson.

Page started fast and won the first two rounds, but Wills hurt him late in the third and dominated the fourth and fifth. The coup de grace was a jarring right flush on the jaw. Page struggled to his feet, but referee Carlos Padilla smartly ended the bout without starting a count.

Both fighters earned $25,000, but it was costly for Page, 31-9 (24). Wills is 12-9-1 (10).

Engels Pedroza, 148, Las Vegas, brought his usual TNT arsenal, this time turning it on rugged but outmanned Reyes Cruz, 152, Santiago, Dominican Republic, to win on a TKO at 50 seconds of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Pedroza, 29-2, (28), dropped Cruz, 40-6-1 (22), late in the first round with a left-right, but needed three more rounds of heavy bombarding.

Pedro Sanchez, 138, Dominican Republic, 18-0-1 (14), showed good moves and power in wearing down willing Victor Mobley, 138, Gary, Indiana, 12-3 (2), for a TKO at 1:31 of the seventh round.

Tom Littles, 165, Flint, Michigan, 5-0 (3), TKO'd Tom Clark, 162, Phoenix, 2-1, at 2:22 of the second round.

Manuel Mosqueda, 136, Las Vegas, 4-0, scored a four-round unanimous decision over Francisco Guiterrez, 130, San Diego, 3-1.
(5-19-90)

LAS VEGAS—Bally's Resort Casino—Gregarious manager Billy Baxter has $100,000 handy to wager that his protege, **Akeem Anifowoshe**, 115, 19-0 (14), will get a world title fight before 1991. He may be hard-pressed for any takers after the Nigerian-born Kid Akeem's 12-round TKO over rugged Mexican **Memo Flores**, 114, 25-10 (14). It was Anifowoshe's first defense of the NABF super flyweight title.

Matchmaker Bruce Trampler said ABC-TV was interested in pairing Anifowoshe with IBF junior bantamweight titlist Robert Quiroga, but the Texan's managerial team reportedly turned the fight down.

Against Flores, Anifowoshe really didn't need the knockout, having won all but the ninth round on each scorecard.

In the semi-main event, Vincent Phillips, 141, Las Vegas, 13-0 (10), scored a fifth-round TKO over veteran Martin Quiroz, 143, San Jose, California. Quiroz, 34-20-5 (25), was cut over his left eye in the third round, and the abbreviation came in the fifth, when a deep gash over the right eye prompted referee Toby Gibson to stop the bout.

J.B. Williamson, 203, former WBC light heavyweight champion, Indianapolis, surprised Cleveland Woods, 219, Las Vegas, with enough flurries to win a unanimous eight-round decision. Williamson is 26-5 (10); Woods 11-2 (10).

Greg Lonon, 152, Las Vegas, had Pedro Lucero, 151, Los Angeles, 7-3 (3), on the canvas twice before registering a TKO at 2:36 of the sixth and final round.

Eddie Cook, 118, Las Vegas, recorded his fourth knockout win, stopping Ramiro Garcia, 118, Calexico, California, 8-8 (1), at 2:46 of the first round.

Promoter: Top Rank
(5-24-90)

LAS VEGAS—Hacienda Hotel Casino—All the sand appears to be in the bottom of the hour glass for 38-year-old Nigerian **Joe Lasisi**, 175, after he looked sluggish in dropping a majority 12-round decision to dancemaster **David Vedder**, San Jose, California, 13-9-3 (2).

"The crowd out there . . . they want to see blood," said Vedder. "Well, they aren't going to see any blood from me. I'm not going in there and brawl. I'm a boxer."

Chuck Giampa surprised the gathering with a 114-114 draw verdict. Phil Newman saw it 118-110. Jerry Roth scored 116-112 for Vedder. *The Ring* tally was 117-112 for Vedder.

The scheduled eight-round semi-windup was brief but explosive, as Fabian Williams, 159, Detroit, 19-2 (8), scored a first-round TKO over Les Boulware, Houston, 10-1 (8). Referee: Richard Steele.

Scotty Olson, 112, Edmonton, Canada, 3-0, kayoed Victor Miranda, 115, Los Angeles, 1-3, at 2:09 of the second round.

David Sample, 135, Las Vegas, 6-0 (3), decked Noe Rivera, 134, Los Angeles, 2-3, three times before collecting a TKO at 2:29 of the first round.

Terry Verners, 181, Fresno, California, won a unanimous six-round decision over Guy Sonnenberg, 188, Las Vegas.

Jason Burrell, 171, Los Angeles, in his second pro start, knocked out debuting Nick Blomgren, 176, Las Vegas, at 1:00 of the first round.
(5-31-90)

Jack Welsh

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza—**James "Buddy" McGirt**, 147¾, Brentwood, New York, had a breeze taking out **Charles Baez**, 150, Guayabo, Puerto Rico, at 2:45 of the second, scheduled for 10. Baez, 18-4-1 (17), had done nothing of note since beating Courtney Hooper four years ago.

McGirt looked sharp from the opening bell, as he landed counters—without first getting hit. He had the willing Baez in trouble early.

In the second, McGirt stunned Baez with several hooks that set him up for a booming hook and glancing right that sent him to the canvas face-first. The Puerto Rican arose wobbly, and referee Rudy Battle called it off.

The major buzz surrounded the return of Alex Stewart, 228½, Brooklyn, who kayoed Mark Young, 225, Miami, in the fifth of the scheduled 10. It was

Stewart's first fight since losing to Evander Holyfield last November. It was tough to look good against Young, 10-14 (6), whose battle plan included combat yelps a la Chuck Norris and a duckwalk out of Chuck Berry. But Stewart ignored it all and methodically got the job done. Steve Smoger refereed.

In a third 10, Ricardo Cepeda, 125, Santurce via Bronx, TKO'd Jorge Martinez, 124, San Antonio, at 2:20 of the fourth. Rederee: Battle.

Regilio Tuur, 130¼, Whitestone, New York, TKO'd helpless Victor Navarro, 128, Matamoros via Harlington, Texas, at 2:08 of the first round. Referee: Smoger.

Freddie Liberatore, 125½, Bayside, New York, 6-1 (3), scored a fine win over tough Josue "Pee Wee" Lopez, 124½, Brooklyn, 6-2, by TKO at 2:46 of the fourth. Referee: Smoger.

Fine prospect Ron Morgan, 158, Cincinnati, TKO'd Felix Quinones Cruz, 157¼, Bayamon, Puerto Rico, in four rounds.

Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing
Matchmakers: Bobby Goodman, Pat Fleming
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
TV: MSG Cable
Judges: John Stewart, Joe Pasquale, Eugene Grant
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker
Announcer: Ed Derian
(5-25-90)

J. R. Jowett

NEW YORK

ROCHESTER—Rochester War Memorial—**Charles Murray**, 139, Essex County, New Jersey, 15-0 (10), returned to his hometown and delighted the fans with a masterful boxing exhibition before stopping **Robert Guy**, 142, Fort Worth, in the seventh round.

After splitting the first two rounds, Murray used snapping left jabs and right leads to win rounds three through six. Midway through the seventh, he began putting together combinations and staggered his foe with a five-punch salvo. He followed with four more unanswered blows, climaxed by a right to the head, and Guy fell face-forward. Referee Frankie Adams counted to seven and then signaled it was over. The time was 2:58 of round seven.

In the co-feature, Ray Mercer, 221, Essex County, New Jersey, coming off a strained shoulder, returned to battle trialhorse Lionel Washington, 234, Bakersfield, California. After three mauling rounds, Mercer, 15-0 (10), finally dropped Washington, 10-7, with a smashing right in the fourth. When Washington arose at eight, Mercer was all over him, and referee Adams jumped in.

Michael "Magic" Ward, 148, Ft. Washington, Maryland, easily handled Luis Pagan, 145, Rochester, flooring him in round one and knocking him out in round three. Ward, who had 189 amateur wins, is 5-1 (3); Pagan 2-2.

In an action-packed four-rounder, Willie Kemp, 166, Troy, 7-2, scored a unanimous decision over local favorite Larry King, 167, Rochester, 2-3. Kemp is 7-2 (4); King 2-3.

Dwayne Hall, 4-0, 203, won an unpopular four-round split decision over Corey Coulter, 1-3, 197, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Bernard Hopkins, Philadelphia, a last-minute substitute, 4-0, demolished Jovan Mercado in a super middleweight contest. Hopkins floored his New York City opponent in round one and kayoed him at 43 seconds of round two.

Matchmaker: Ron Katz
Promoters: Rocky Fratto, Jim Cassidy
Judges: Don Ackerman, Donnie Nodecker, Reuben Garcia
Television: ESPN
Attendance: 5,123
(5-31-90)

Angelo Prospero

NORTH DAKOTA

GRAND FORKS—South Forks Pavilion—Lightweight **Harold "The Dakota Blizzard" Miller**, 9-2, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **James Willie Ray**, Jackson, Mississippi. Miller dominated from the beginning and used his boxing skills to outclass the veteran. Miller, formerly of Grand Forks, is now out of Las Vegas.

Sonny "Sixshooter" Brennan, Las Vegas, stayed undefeated by stopping Billy Evans, Lincoln, Nebraska, in the first round of a scheduled four-round bout.

Forrest "Fire" Booker, 2-1, lost a unanimous decision to cagey veteran Raheem Mohammad.

In a battle of veteran warhorses, Terry Jesmer, Winnipeg, Manitoba, knocked down Howard Stern, Omaha, Nebraska, five times en route to a seventh-round TKO.

Jimmy Lee Smith, Minneapolis, 5-0, eked out a decision over James Hannum, Las Vegas, 3-1-1.

In a cruiserweight bout scheduled for four, Derick Brown, Minneapolis, landed some big bombs to dispose of Carl Fredrickson, Minot, in the second round.

Promoters: Ed Obregon, Ralph Messelt
Matchmaker: Ed Obregon
Referee: Dean Dauphanais
Judges: Tony Feist, Tom Walski, Lawrence Vaalrood, Ray Bakkum
Timekeepers: Dan Hill, Wayne Hilde
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
(5-5-90)

Ed Obregon

OHIO

LORAIN—Palace Civic Center—In a classic display of guts and determination, a bloodied **Kemper Morton**, 175, Columbus, captured the vacant Ohio light heavyweight title by knocking out **Donnell Wingfield**, 175, Cleveland, at 2:59 of the 11th round in a scheduled 12-rounder.

Overcoming cuts to both eyes and a stiff jab, Morton scored knockdowns in the ninth and 11th. Referee Ron Tillman wisely called a halt as Wingfield struggled to his feet with one second remaining in the round.

Lorain's Carl "Stuff" Griffith, 139, 12-1-1 (5), floored veteran Sylvestor Kennon, 139, St. Louis, 22-14-1 (13), four times en route to an eighth-round stoppage.

Former Cleveland amateur champion Eli Dixon, 236, 1-1, stopped Paul Ford, 202, Columbus, 1-2, in the first of a scheduled four.

Robert Briggs, 154, Youngstown, won a hard-fought six-round split decision over hometowner Joe Moore, 154.

Debuting Anthony Fleming, 175, Cleveland, looked impressive by stopping Chris Doolittle, 170, Akron, with a thunderous left hook to the body at 2:54 of the second round.

Promoter: Prime Time Fights
Matchmaker: Larry Weiser
Referees: Ron Tillman, Pete Rademacher
Attendance: 660
(5-18-90)

Professor Marv Brown

MAYFIELD HEIGHTS—Lander Haven County Club—When former IBF middleweight champion Frank Tate pulled out of the main event, citing a failure to make weight, matchmaker Larry Weiser called on Youngstown's **Lenzi Morgan**, 10-3-1 (4), to face Cleveland's **Antoine "T" Byrd**, 18-1-1 (9), for the vacant USBA super middleweight title. Byrd won by unanimous verdict.

With less than 24 hours to prepare, Morgan, 168, was thought to be little opposition for the well-conditioned Byrd, 167. But he showed tremendous heart, and even staggered Byrd. The scoring: 117-112, 119-109, and 117-11.

In the co-feature, veteran James Pipps, 127, Baytown, Texas, 37-2-2 (29), won a unanimous but unpopular decision over young Ricky Alvarez, 126¼, Corpus Christi, 12-3 (5), in a 10-round matchup. Pipps gained momentum down the stretch in winning an unpopular unanimous decision by scores of 47-44 and 46-44 (twice).

Terry "The Terminator" Davis, 237, Napa, California, 20-0-2 (17), overcame a long layoff to win a unanimous decision over trialhorse Rick Spain, 219, Columbus, in a six-rounder.

In a minor upset, former world amateur champion Darin Allen, 168, Columbus, dropped to 7-1 (1), as he was stopped in the second round by Akron's James "Hook" Williamson, 164. Allen was floored twice from overhand rights, with the bout being halted at 2:26 of the second round.

Anthony Fleming, 177, Cleveland, scored his second kayo in five days by stopping Charles Mendenhall, 173, Ashtabula, at 2:23 of the first.

The final bout saw Cleveland's Gino Calvillo, 159, win an unpopular six-round split decision over Glen Odem, 158½, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

Promoter: Prime Time Fights
Judges: Doug Patterson, Eddie Lee, Kevin Armstrong
Timekeeper: Bruce Lorenzo
TV: USA Cable
Attendance: 750 (estimated)
(5-22-90)

Eric Gliebe

COLUMBUS—Valley Dale Recreation Center—1984 Olympic gold medalist **Jerry Page**, 11-3 (6),

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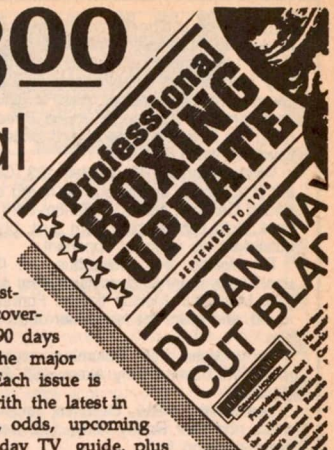

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KO

came out of a nine-month hibernation to score a third-round TKO over **Donald Gwynn**, 19-28 (9). Page, 148, Columbus, looked sharp as he repeatedly landed fluid combinations against the willing Gwynn, 148, Charleston, West Virginia. A big left hook dropped Gwynn in round three, and upon rising, he took a few more hard shots before being saved at the 1:51 mark.

Veteran Forrest Winchester, 138, Columbus, 20-8-2 (11), won a unanimous six-round decision over Efraim Canales, 132½, Defiance, 5-2 (1), in a good bout. Both fighters bled from cuts, but Winchester outslicked his younger opponent.

Bill Melsop, 210, Columbus, 4-2 (3), scored a unanimous four-round decision over Larry Fortner, 208, Mansfield. Melsop floored Fortner in the first round, and spent the remainder of the fight chasing him.

Terry Green, 160, Columbus, registered a first-round TKO over Danny Akers, 156, Beckley, West Virginia.

Lee Smith, 146½, Defiance, received a unanimous nod over Randy Kelly, 143, Columbus, in a crowd-pleasing four.

Brian Butler, 196½, Columbus, won a unanimous verdict over Ernie White, 196, Charleston, in a four-rounder. Butler applied pressure throughout the bout, but was met with stiff counters from the switch-hitting White.

Lee Hufnagel, 141½, Youngstown, won a unanimous four-round decision over Terry Stegall, 144, Columbus. The classy Hufnagel had Stegall in trouble every round but couldn't put him away.

Promoter: Coash Boxing
Matchmaker: Gregg Augustine
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(5-31-90)

Erich Gliebe

PENNSYLVANIA

BENSALEM—Neil Armstrong Middle School—**Kerry Judge** was the feature in the six-round main event that his brother Jerry promoted. Matched against a former light heavyweight who had been away from the ring for more than a year, Judge, 219, Bensalem, lost a unanimous decision to **"Irish" Tommy Quinn**, 205, Philadelphia, 7-2. Judge, 8-3, showed a strong jab early, but his one-dimensional attack of jabbing and circling left was quickly detected by Quinn, who countered with jabs and combinations.

Myra Grant, judging for the first time, had it 30-24. Paul Harris scored 28-27, and Guy Richardson, 29-27. Referee: Ron Aurit.

Keith Todd, 165, Philadelphia, 3-4-1, upset southpaw Chris Guest, 165, Philadelphia, 9-5-1, with a six-round unanimous decision. Referee: Hurley McCall.

Jimmy Deoria, 133, Phoenixville, 1-0, made short work of stringbean John McMurren, 135, Philadelphia, 4-3, with a TKO at 2:39 of the second round in a scheduled four. Aurit stepped in to save McMurren from a busy Deoria on the advice of everyone at ringside.

A comical heavyweight bout had southpaw Wayne "Hawk" Bartley, 231, Philadelphia, 4-1, win a four-round unanimous decision over George "Nightmare" Wilson, 201, Wilmington, Delaware, 2-9. Referee: Aurit.

Heavyweight Tony "Superman" Roberts, 205, Atlantic City, 1-1, surprised everyone, including Ed Fennimore, 214, Bensalem, 1-2, with a left-right-left that left the local fighter flat on his back. Referee Hurley McCall didn't count and stopped the bout with 10 seconds left in the round.

In a rematch, Blaine Armand Jones, 155, Philadelphia, 3-2, was again victorious with a unanimous decision over Bob Cananzey, 155, Paulsboro, New Jersey, 0-2.

Southpaw, Kevin "Kid Chocolate" Tillmlan, 155, Philadelphia, 3-2, scored a third-round TKO over Fred "The Hammer" Wilson, 155¾, Reading, Pennsylvania, 0-1-1.

Promoter: Jerry Judge Promotions
Matchmaker: Harold Moore
Announcer: Frank Talent
Timekeeper: Frank Martin
Judges: Myra Grant, Paul Harris, Guy Richardson
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(5-23-90)

Fred Blumstein

PHILADELPHIA—Northeast National Guard Armory—The revived Deborah Hospital Fund show featured high-flying **Tracy Spann**, 135, Plainfield, New Jersey, scoring a fifth-round TKO over **Bernard Gray**, 134½, Boynton Beach, Florida.

Spann, 25-0 (19), soaked up some punishment before swarming over Gray, 21-3 (14). Referee: Charlie Sgrillo.

The semi-final 10 saw Tony Martin, 140½, Philadelphia, prevail in a punishing battle against former stablemate and rival Howard Stewart, 143, Kankakee, Illinois. This see-saw affair was finally stopped when a dazed Stewart slid along the ropes and was saved by referee Steve Smoger at 1:00 of the sixth. Martin is 18-3 (5); Steward 16-9-2.

Michael Green, 126, Plainfield, won a tough-luck TKO over Bennie Amparo, 126½, Philadelphia, when the latter was stopped on a wicked cut left eye after three of a scheduled six. It was anybody's fight otherwise, as the two were trading in spirited action. Referee: Smoger.

Keith Holmes, 146½, Washington, D.C., 6-0, was lucky to get a six-round split decision over Anthony Green, 145, Cleveland, 6-1. Referee: Sgrillo.

Lefty Robin Davis, 136½, New York City, pulled out a unanimous four-round win over Ricky Scott, 133, Philadelphia. Referee: Smoger.

Hank Quinn, 134½, Kensington, used his strength to overcome slicker but less rugged Mike Wallach, 130, Mount Airy, for a unanimous verdict in a good four. Referee: Sgrillo.

Promoters: Eddie Woods, Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.)
Matchmakers: Ron Katz, Teddy Brenner
Attendance: 2,200
TV: ESPN
Judges: Adelaide Tyndale, Lynne Carter, Ron Greenley
Timekeeper: Tony Stenza
Announcer: Mike Buffer
(5-17-90)

J.R. Jowett

PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon— It was a rare early night at the legendary arena, with three of the six scheduled bouts ending in the first round, though it wasn't due to a lack of competetive matchups.

Highlighting the first-round finishes was **"Rockin" Rodney Moore**, 143, Philadelphia, 24-6-2 (11), with a TKO over **Mario "El Shazam" Fuentes**, 141, Mexico City, 16-7-2 (15), at the 1:46 mark; junior welterweights. Moore is noted for finesse, not power. But all three of his wins this year have come via knockout, enabling him to be considered a viable opponent for Meldrick Taylor. Referee Rudy Battle halted the bout after two knockdowns.

Undefeated featherweight Fernando "Rockin' " Rodrigues, 126, Lancaster, came storming out at the bell and was immediately hit by the left hook of Tony "Dynamite" Green, 128, Philadelphia, 11-2-1 (8). Rodrigues, 8-1 (2), never recovered and was finished by two solid lefts that knocked him through the ropes. Referee John Carroll waved the fight off at just 17 seconds.

Luis "The Hulk" Andino, 142, 3-0 (3), Philadelphia, rounded out the trio of quickie finishes by landing a hook flush on the jaw of Steve "Spoonie" Martin, 142, Wilmington, Delaware, who was making his pro debut. Martin was out cold for several minutes. The end came at 1:34.

Jose Avila, 144½, New York, 5-5, won a six-round unanimous decision over a fading Tracy Muse, 145, Baltimore, 9-3. Muse just didn't throw enough punches.

A rugged four-round cruiserweight battle saw Barrington White, 194, Camden, New Jersey, 4-1 (2), win a unanimous decision over "Joltin' " Jerry Rash, 200, Elkton, Maryland, 6-4-2 (4). Rash proved his toughness. Referee: Battle.

Popular lightweight Jimmy Deoria, 132, Phoenixville, 2-0, won a four-round unanimous decision over William Morales, 134, Chester, 0-1. Deoria provided a good effort, doubling up on the left hook in trying to hone his skills. Referee: John Carroll.

Promoters: Main Events/Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Timekeeper: James Mina
Announcer: Ed Derian
Television: SportsChannel America
Judges: George Hill, Guy Richardson, Marsha Taylor
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(6-11-90)

Fred Blumstein

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—Omni New Daisy Theatre—**Dan Ward**, 192, West Memphis, Arkansas, squared off with **Alvin Dominey**, 197, Dallas, in a scheduled 10-round bout. It didn't take Ward long to triumph, as he landed a big overhand right that put Dominey away at 44 seconds of the first round.

Andre Nelson, 179, Detroit, stopped Roy Bedwell, 180, Jackson, at 1:28 of the first round in a scheduled six-round light heavyweight contest.

Freddie Ladd, 144, West Memphis, Arkansas, 4-0 (4), stopped Sam Abernthy, 152, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 2:20 of the first round.

In the only fight to go the distance, Lowell Marchant, 187, Little Rock, took a six-round unanimous decision over David Bates, Dallas; light heavyweights.

Promoters: Tom Harmon, Mid South Boxing
Matchmaker: Red Fortner
Announcer: Gilbert Beam
Judges: Don Thompson, James Perkins, Haywood Watts, Jim Harbor, Alex McCollum, Mike Belmont
Referees: Jim Kidd, Sam Garland, Eddie Freeman
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone
Physician: Dr. Ray Coburn
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(6-5-90)

Michael Glenn

TEXAS

DALLAS—Former number-one lightweight contender **Rockin' Robin Blake** was convinced to permanently retire when he lost every round en route to a seventh-round TKO at the hands of South African **Kiko Khumalo**, 38-3.

Lightweight Dingaan Thobela, South Africa, 22-0, scored a fourth-round TKO over Pasqual Aranda, Houston, 26-10, Houston.

Dallas heavyweight Agusto Allen won a four-round decision over Manuel Nunez, South Africa.

Francois Botha, South Africa, outpointed Elvis Franks, Dallas, over four rounds; heavyweights.

Referees: Jerry McKenzie, Dick Cole, Laurence Cole
Matchmaker: Matt Stolow
Attendance: 750 (estimated)
(6-25-90)

Dr. Laurence F. McNamee

VIRGINIA

RICHMOND—Richmond Centre—Matchmaker Clyde Neblitt, who runs the local "Million Dollar Boxing Club" with other family members, also raffles off cash ($4,000 at this card, including a $2,000-prize winner and 10 $200 winners.)

Trialhorse **Ricky Stackhouse**, 172, Atlanta, stopped someone named **Speedy Brown**, 176, Shelby, North Carolina, at 2:56 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Stackouse is 20-11-2 (11); Green 16-14-2. Referee: Chris Wollessen.

Mark "Buck" Buchanan, 153, Norfolk, 8-1, secured a shot at the Virginia junior middleweight title by stopping game Earnest Perry, 155, Hampton, 14-5, at 2:31 of the first. Referee: Al Rothenberg.

Undefeated slugger Tim "Bama" Hillie, 168, Washington, D.C., rose to 9-0, stopping Bernard Littman, 164, Shelby, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder. Hillie decked Littman twice in the second with left hooks to the body and head. Wollessen stopped it at 2:16.

Napolean "Quick" Pitt, 166, Richmond, took a unanimous four-round decision over Garrett Anderson, 165, Atlanta. Pitt, 2-0, looks like the best fighter in Neblitt's stable. Anderson, making his pro debut, lost every round and took a standing eight-count from referee J.J. Johnson in the third. All three judges scored 40-35.

Jason Waller, 173, Stafford, Virginia, 1-0-1, drew over four rounds with Brian Clements, 170, Alexandria, Virginia, 0-0-1. Scores were 39-37 for Waller, 39-37 for Clements, and 38-38.

In the night's best fight, crowd favorite Doug Shambaugh, 137, Norfolk, 4-0, won a gift majority decision over Tony Pressely, 135, Washington, D.C. Referee Wolleson took a point away from Pressley, 3-2, in the third and fourth rounds for holding, although it was never excessive.

Barry "The Steel" Kirton, 211, Richmond, 5-1, stopped Carlton West, 201, Portsmouth, 3-2, in the fifth of a scheduled six-rounder.

James "The Killer" Miller, 167, Richmond, 6-2, knocked out Charles Carter, 167, Charlottesville, Virginia, 9-7, with a left hook 36 seconds into the first round. Referee: Rothenberg.

Maxwell Key, 201, Portsmouth, Virginia, stopped Rodney Clark, 211, Hampton, Virginia, at 1:54 of the first. Clark was decked by a double jab, and J.J. Johnson stopped the fight. Key is 6-1; Clark 0-1.

In a scheduled six, Mel Edmonds, 193, Richmond, 7-0, dropped Bilal Muhammad, 188, Atlanta, three times before stopping him at 1:22 of the fourth. Referee: Wollessen.

Moot Luv, 148, Portsmouth, stopped Ricky Stinnie, 145, Charlottesville, in the third of a scheduled eight-rounder. Stinnie ran into a right to the body and collapsed in a neutral corner. Rothenberg stopped the fight without a count. Luv is 10-4; Stinnie 12-7-2.

Allan "Ali" Osbourne, 137, Newport News, 7-0-3, stopped Ricky "Kick" Fletcher, 137, Portsmouth, in the second of a scheduled six. Fletcher, who wore ankle-length trunks favored by kickboxers, looked and fought like he was 40 years old. He was down twice in the first and once in the second.

Darren Hayden, 219, Virginia Beach, knocked out Alonzo Hutchins, 186, Charlottesville, with a series of body punches 50 seconds into the second round. Referee: Wollessen.

Matchmaker: Clyde Neblitt
Attendance: 650 (estimated)
Judges: Jim Taylor, Vaughn LaPrade, Robert Exton
Timekeeper: Gail Carpenter
Physicians: Dr. Wilson Sprenkle, Dr. Maria Pia
Announcer: Mel Green
(5-25-90)

Eric Bottjer

PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN—Hotel San Juan—**Angel Hernandez**, 35-0, 143, had no trouble in putting away battle-worn **Rafael "Bazooka" Limon**, 148, who was stopped in three. Referee Roberto Ramirez halted the bout.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Jose "Pancho" Rodriguez, 8-0, scored a second-round TKO over tough Tony Frontela.

Middleweight Freddy Sanchez scored a third-round kayo over Floyd Wells.

Jose Marin, 136, scored a second-round kayo over Jose Collazo, 135.

Felix Trinaidad, 144, scored his third win in a row with a first-round stoppage of much-inferior William Lopez.

In the best bout of the evening, Valentin Ocasio, 137, eked out a four-round decision over Luis Felipe Perez.

Promoter: Luis DeCubas
Referees: Roberto Ramirez, Wiso Fernandez
Timekeeper: Jose Torres
Physicians: Dr. Amaury Capella, Dr. Raul Casa
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(6-21-90)

MIRAMAR—Olympic Auditorium—**Rafael Del Valle**, 119, scored a second-round TKO over **Melquiades Acevedo**, 118. Referee: Quinones Falu.

Wilfred Rivera, 6-0-1, 141, scored a third-round kayo over Luis DeJesus, 142.

The ever-aggressive Daniel Jimenez, 127, 6-3, won a six-round split decision over Miguel Rodriguez, 126, 2-1-2.

Cesar Acevedo, 111, garnered a unanimous six-round decision over Miguel Santos, 112.

In the best bout of the evening, Valentin Ocasio, 143, won a split decision over Luis Apellaniz.

Jose Camacho, 4-0, 113, scored a fourth-round kayo over Evy Vazquez, 112½.

Promoter: Howard Class (Hot Boxing Promotion)
Referees: Ismael Quinonez Falu, Dario Padilla
Judges: Roberto Ramirez, Cesar Ramos, Samuel Conde
Timekeeper: Jose Torres
Physicians: Dr. Raul Casas, Dr. Amaury Capella, Dr. Juan Medina
Attendance: 1,300 (estimated)
(6-2-90)

Mario Rivera Martino

TRINIDAD

PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—A small crowd saw 20-year-old **Anthony J. Brown**, 158, a skilled, methodical puncher, face 26-year-old **Patrick Farley**, 154. Farley, 10-3 (7), was decked in the first round from a right-left to the body and head. In round two the fighters went toe to toe, and Brown landed with strong combinations. Farley hit the canvas three times, and referee Melchoir Taylor stopped the fight at 1:30.

Alric Johnson, 125, TKO'd Winston Goodridge, 124, at 1:31 of the third round. Referee Hollis Wilson's decision to stop the fight was booed by the crowd.

Percy Baily, 125, won a decision over Harvey Huggins, 132, over six rounds.

Learie Bruce, 131, TKO'd Anthony Richardson, 134, at 1:45 of the second.

Physicians: Dr. Kamal Rapersad, Dr. Kameel Mungrue
Timekeepers: Emmanuel Young Jr., David Milford
Announcer: Mervyln Telfer
(6-1-90)

George C. Beckles

MEXICO

ESCUINAPA—**Mario Otanez**, 23-7 (21), retained the Sinaloa state heavyweight title with a fifth-round kayo of **Ricardo Contreras**, scheduled for 12.
(3-16-90)

TIJUANA—Now a lightweight, former junior lightweight world title challenger **Mario "Azabache" Martinez**, 48-6-2, won a unanimous decision over **Anders Sandoval**, 37-7-1, in a 10-round battle that saw both men hit the deck.

Featherweight Francisco Valdez scored a first-round kayo over Martin Bobadilla.

Welterweight Luis Mora stopped Eduardo Gonzalez in one round.

Flyweight Mike Martinez needed just two rounds to dispose of Eliseo Rodriguez.

Jose Carballo scored a second-round kayo over Viltore Mendoza; featherweights.
(4-2-90)

MAZATLAN—**Genaro Leon** dominated **Ruben Villaman** en route to a fifth-round stoppage; super welterweights.

Middleweight Luis Vazquez scored a third-round kayo over Naty Guardado.

Roberto Chavez, who is trying to follow in the footsteps of big brother Julio Cesar Chavez, blew away Arturo Macias in the first round; bantamweights.
(4-5-90)

HERMOSILLO—**Bruno Rabanales** fought to a 12-round draw with **Jorge "Cocoa" Ramirez**. The battle was for the vacant Mexican super featherweight title. The fighters had split two previous meetings. The fourth meeting between Rabanales and Ramirez is set for June.
(4-6-90)

ACTOPAN—Heavyweight **Jorge Vilchis** scored a first-round TKO over **Mario Otanez**.
(4-6-90)

GUADALAJARA—Super bantamweight **Pablo Gonalez** stopped **Jorge Sandoval** in one.
(4-6-90)

GUADALAJARA—Gomez Palacio—**Leobardo Mancillas** won a disputed 10-round decision over **Jose de Jesus Garica**, 11-1, in a featherweight bout.
(4-6-90)

MEXICO CITY—**Javier "Zorrito" Altamirano**, 33-2-1 (30), won the Mexican lightweight title with a third-round stoppage of **Juan "Bull Terrier" Soberanes**. Altamirano won the Best Boxer award for this night's Festival of Mexican Champions. Soberanes, who was making his first title defense, fell to 38-4 (30). The champion, down three times, was stopped for the first time.

In what was voted the best bout of the night, Marco Antonio Lizarraga, 33-1-1 (28), won a 12-round unanimous decision over Antonio Garcia, 30-6-1 (24), in his third defense of the Mexican super lightweight title.

Alberto "Hungaro" Martinez needed less than a round to take the Mexican bantamweight title away from Pedro de la Cruz. Martinez, whose brother is Mario Martinez, was a last-minute substitute for Porfirio Hernandez.

Mexican 175-pound king Isaias Lucero, 18-0 (16), retained the title for the seventh time with a first-round TKO of Guillermo Chavez, 24-4-1.
(4-7-90)

TIJUANA—Lightweight **Miguel Gonzalez** scored a TKO in the 10th and final round over **Jorge Gomez**.

Victor Lozoya scored a fifth-round kayo over Arturo Lopez; middleweights.
(4-9-90)

MEXICO CITY—**Jose Concepcion Velazquez** scored a sixth-round TKO over **Gabriel Ocampo** in a 10-round bantamweight bout. An eye cut ended the fight.

Enrique Jupiter scored a fourth-round kayo of Josefino Suarez; bantamweights.

Rafael Campos won a unanimous eight-round decision over Martin Angelos; super bantam-

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weights. The scores were 79-74, 79-73, and 79-73.
In a six-rounder, lightweight Aaron Zarate eked out a split decision over Alfonso Martinez.
Flyweight Oscar Arciniega scored a third-round kayo over Luis Lara.
(4-14-90)

MEXICO CITY—Cesar Delgado won an eight-round decision over **Daniel Pinzon**; super bantamweights.
Bantmweight Marcelo Nava decisioned Rosalino Gonzalez.
Esteban Arreola scored a sixth-round TKO over Arturo Almeida; bantamweights.
Justo Almazan took a decision from Porfirio Nieves; bantamweights.
Featherweight Rogelio Ramirez decisioned Raul Sanchez.
Juan Carlos Soria won a decision over Gerardo Santana; lightweights.
(4-18-90)

MATAMOROS—Raymundo "Battling" Torres Jr. retained the Mexican super welterweight title with a fifth-round kayo of **Francisco Lara**. It was Torres' first defense of his second reign. A hook to the chin finished Lara.
Jorge Torres won a decision over Teo Arvizu; light heavyweights.
Ernesto Lopez scored a third-round TKO over Silvestre Castillo; super lightweights.
(4-20-90)

MONTERREY—Rafael "Raton" Alonso took a 10-round decision over **Julian Huerta**; flyweights.
(4-20-90)

MEXICO CITY—Javier Juarez scored a fourth-round TKO over **Marcos "Bang Bang" Pacheco**. A cut over Pacheco's left eye ended this 10-round mini flyweight bout.
Super featherweight Albino Rosas dropped Oscar Burgos twice en route to a sixth-round TKO.
Alberto Jimenez flattened Herminio Ramirez with a left-right in the fifth round; flyweights.
Juan Carlos Ortigoza won a split six-round decision over Antonio Arias; super bantamweights.
Eleazar Bravo needed less than a round to end his scheduled mini flyweight four-rounder with Oscar Orozco.
(4-21-90)

REYNOSA—Chucho Becerra scored a fourth-round kayo over **Javier Rivera**; lightweights.
Super bantamweight Hugo Briones stopped Francisco Rodriguez in two rounds.
Luis Briones scored a third-round kayo over Silvestre Ramirez; welterweights.
(4-24-90)

MEXICO CITY—Super flyweight **Jesus Montiel** landed a big punch to the liver to score a second-round kayo over **Jose Sarabia**.
Javier Serrano kayoed Marcos Bernal in the fourth round; welterweights.
Bantamweights Marcos Hernandez and Gerardo de la Serna fought to a draw.
Flyweights Miguel Angel Granados and David Felix battled to a draw.
Featherweight Ricardo Martinez won a decision over Alejandro Perez.
(4-25-90)

MEXICO CITY—Stepping up from super featherweight, **Miguel Angel Gonzalez**, 11-0 (9), scored a fourth-round TKO over lightweight **Fernando Segiura**.
Mini flyweight Guillermo Flores won a 10-round decision over Justo Zuniga.
Martin Perez stopped Victor Peralta in four; super bantamweights.
Atanasio Villarreal won a six-round decision over Porfirio Rabanales.
Jesus Galicia won a four-round decision over Enrique Angeles; featherweights.
(4-28-90)

HERMOSILLO—Mauricio Villegas retained the Mexican heavyweight title with a 12-round majority decision over **Rafael Fimbres**.
(4-30-90)

LOS MOCHIS—In his first outing since losing the Mexican super flyweight title and then undergoing nose surgery, former world-rated **Jose Felix Montiel** won a 10-round decision over **Sergio Cornejo**.
(5-4-90)

MEXICALI—Mexican featherweight king **Javier "Changuita" Marquez**, fighting a non-title bout, used his powerful right and superior foot speed to dominate **Paquito Openio** and take a 10-round unanimous decision. The scores were 99-94, 99-94, and 100-92.
Unbeaten super featherweight Eduardo Perez used a left to the chin to stop Ramon Diaz in the second round.
Bantamweight Cuauhtemoc "Famosito" Gomez, 15-0 (12), scored a first-round stoppage over Jesus Diaz.
(5-4-90)

ACAPULCO—A tremendous left to the point of the chin was all **Fidel Avendano** needed to put away **Jose Mendez** in the first round of their scheduled 10-round lightweight bout. Mendez was unconscious for several minutes.
Felipe Rojas scored a seventh-round TKO over Fernando Diaz; welterweights.
Antonio Salas registered a fourth-round kayo over David "Chino" Anorve; super bantamweights.
Miguel Angel Rodriguez blew away Angel de la Cruz in the first round; mini flyweights.
Martin Beltran won a decision over Eusebio Arellano; lightweights.
(5-4-90)

CARDENAS—Super featherweight **Oscar Gallegos** scored an easy third-round kayo over **Panchillo Gonzalez**.
Luis Enrique Caceres scored a sixth-round kayo over Arturo Teran; bantamweights.
Joselin Gonzalez won a six-round decision over Melgarejo; mini flyweights.
Ismael Lopez scored a first-round TKO over Lorenzo Cabrera; super featherweights.
Bantamweight Sergio Modesto registered a third-round TKO over Camosa Morales.
(5-4-90)

MEXICO CITY—Ramon Marchena defended the WBC International lightweight title with a confusing 10th-round TKO over **Eduardo Galan** in a bout scheduled for 12. For the first nine rounds, Galan showed staying power. The challenger was dropped in the first and took a pounding in the third, but he hung on and managed to hurt Marchena in the eighth and ninth.
In the fateful round, Galan, 42-7-7 (16), covered up in his corner after claiming he was hit low. But American referee Davey Pearl refused to stop the action, and Marchena, 40-8-2 (27), kept pummeling his opponent.
With the crowd booing, Pearl stepped in and gave Galan a standing eight-count. After taking a few more punches, Galan turned his back and his corner stopped the bizzare bout at 1:45 of the round.
Featherweight Juan Carlos Salazar won a 10-round unanimous decision over Gregorio Vargas. Salazar, 55-7-2, dropped Vargas, 13-3, in the first with a left-right to the chin, and again in the 10th with a left. Vargas dropped Salazar in the ninth.
Jesus Cardenas won via sixth-round disqualification over Victor Lozoyo; welterweights. Lozoyo, 9-1, droped Cardenas with a savage right after the bell ending the sixth. Cardenas, 6-2-1, was winning at the time of the DQ. Lozoya was a late substitute for Sulio Sanchez.
Super featherweight Juan Marchena, 13-1-1, used right uppercuts to score a seventh-round TKO over Juan Manuel Vega.
Ladislao Vazquez won a six-round decision over late substitute Abel Andres; mini flyweights.
Ivan Salazar won a decision over Martin de Paz; bantamweights.
(5-5-90)

TIJUANA—Julian Benitez knocked down former two-time WBC super lightweight king **Rene Arredondo** twice en route to an upset unanimous decision in a 10-round welterweight bout. Arredondo announced his retirement a few days later.
Rogelio Montenegro scored a seventh-round TKO over Alberto Alcaraz; super lightweights.
Welterweight Luis Ramon Campas scored the biggest win of his career when he dropped Luis Mora en route to capturing a 10-round unanimous decision.
(5-7-90)

MEXICO CITY—Angel Castillo scored a sixth-round kayo over **Luis Vera** in a scheduled eight-round super lightweight contest.
Super bantamweight Valentin Martinez scored a first-round stoppage over Jeronimo de la Cruz.
Ricardo Medina stopped Jose Yanez in the fourth; super lightweights.
Felipe Castillo scored a third-round kayo of Jose Luis Galindo; bantamweights.
Oscar Granados took a decision over Armando Arenas; flyweights.
(5-9-90)

MONTERREY—Bantamweight Baudilio Hernandez overcame an injured right hand to outpoint **Marcelo Rodriguez** over 10 rounds. Hernandez hurt the hand in the second and controlled the rest of the fight with his left.
In a scheduled 10-round lightweight bout, Romualdo Gonzalez stopped Raul de Leon in the second heat.
(5-11-90)

ACAPULCO—Super bantamweight Raul Gutierrez scored a sixth-round TKO over **Carlos Monroy**.
Atanasio Villareal scored an eighth-round TKO of Octavio Santos; bantamweights.
Mini flyweight Miguel Angel Corona registered an easy fifth-round TKO over Rivelino Palma.
Bantamweight Miguel Angel Lopez blew away Santos Matinez in the second round.
In the only fight on the card to go the distance, flyweight Mario Guevara outpointed Eduardo Nava.
(5-11-90)

ZAPOPAN—Former WBC welterweight champion **Jorge Vaca** ended a layoff and made a successful debut at super welterweight by scoring a sixth-round TKO over **Luciano Fernandez**. After receiving an extended beating at the end of the fifth, the loser failed to answer the bell for the next round.
Lightweight Arturo Hernandez scored a third-round TKO over Pedro Garcia.
"Kilos" Bernal won a decision over Miguel Pina.
Miguel Reyes scored a second-round TKO over "Pantera" Lara.
Alvaro Medel registered a fifth-round stoppage over Antonio Mancina.
(5-12-90)

MEXICO CITY—Making the first defense of the Mexican flyweight title, **Armando Salazar** barely hung on by winning a split decision over **Gabriel Bernal** in an action-packed 12-rounder. Salazar, 23-3-3 (18), who was decked in the third by a right uppercut, used his jab to guide him out of trouble, and to victory. Former flyweight champion Bernal, 50-8-4, was able to confuse his opponent with switch hitting, but wasn't busy enough when it counted. Salazar triumphed by scores of 116-113, 112-115, 116-113. *The Ring* scored 114-114. A rematch is expected before the year is out.
Super lightweight Mario Fuentes scored a fifth-round TKO over Abraham Martinez.
Enrique Jupiter won an eight-round decision over Juan Manuel Chavez.
Lighweight Jose Luis Madrid scored a first-round kayo over Maximino Llano.
Flyweight Javier Chavez won a four-round decision over Arturo Bautista.
(5-12-90)

JUAREZ—Mexican welterweight champion **Miguel Angel Dominguez** snapped the national jinx—the five previous welterweight champions lost the title in their first defenses. He did so by winning a 12-round unanimous decision over challenger **Ray Morales**. Morales, 35-8, a former champion, was making his first start since he lost his crown on July 21, 1989. The champion, 35-7-2, controlled the fight from the outside. Morales, who needed three tries to make the weight, was hurt in the 11th and cut over his cheek.
Super flyweight Cesar Soto scored a fifth-round knockdown en route to a 10-round unanimous decision over Armando Castro.
Lightweight Aaron Delgado scored a seventh-round TKO over Francisco Martinez Lagunas. The doctor stopped the fight with the loser bleeding profusely from a broken nose.
Martin Lopez won a six-round decision over Jose Macias Chong; light heavyweights.
Mini flyweight Oscar Calzada scored a ninth-round TKO over Gustavo Rodriguez.
Javier Ibarra won a six-round decision over Rosendo Alvarado; bantamweights.
(5-18-90)

CULIACAN—Pepillo Valdez used his strength, speed, and experience to dominate **Guadalupe Rubio** in a 10-round bantamweight battle. Valdez is in line for a shot at WBC bantamweight king Raul Perez.
Jose Luis Verarde scored a second-round stoppage over Ricardo Montoya.
Victor Hernandez scored a second-round TKO over Jose Antonio Gonzalez.
"Chachalaquito" Mayorga scored a second-round kayo over Jesus Valenzuela.
Alejandro Landeros registered a first-round am-

bush over Martin Torres.
Luis Verdungo won a decision over a game Uriel Conde.
(5-18-90)

REYNOSA—Flyweight **Alejandro Sanabria** dropped **Betillo Cantu** six times en route to a fifth-round kayo victory.
Enrique Noriega came from behind to score a seventh-round kayo over Bernardo Alanis.
Benito Rodriguez scored a sixth-round stoppage over Al Martinez; featherweights.
(5-18-90)

XALAPA—**Miguel Angel Cornejo** won the Veracruz state super featherweight title with a 12-round decision over **Jose Cordova**.
(5-18-90)

ACTOPAN—In a super featherweight battle, **Jose Apango** won a 10-round decision over **Lupe Cano**.
Ramon Lopez scored a third-round kayo over Sergio Aquino; mini flyweights.
Bantamweight Pedro Carbajal scored a second-round kayo over Manuel Garcia.
In a toe-to-toe flyweight battle, Cayetano Escamilla decisioned Rosalio Carrasco.
Featherweight Miguel Mora kayoed Alberto Jimenez in three rounds.
Napoleon Reyes stopped Jesus Galica in three rounds; featherweights.
(5-18-90)

SALAMANCA—Middleweight **Hextor Zaragoza** stopped **Emilio Martinez** in three rounds.
Marco Antonio Barrera decisioned Ignacio Jacome; super flyweights.
Mario Rodriguez decisioned Jorge Barrera.
Raul Sanchez halted Mario Zaragoza in the fourth round.
(5-18-90)

MEXICO CITY—Bantamweight **Isidro Perez** dropped **Carlos Salinas** in the second and stopped him in the fifth of a scheduled 10-rounder. Perez, 47-4-2 (43), used a long left to finish Salinas, 11-10-2.
Super flyweight Macrim Castillo scored a first-round TKO over Federico Lara.
Jose Montes won an eight-round decision over Oscar Cervantes; featherweights.
Sergio Millan won a six-round decision over Paulino Villalobos; mini flyweights.
Super featherweight Felix Amaro scored a second-round TKO over Antonio Olvera.
(5-19-90)

PACHUCA—**Eduardo "Lalo" Cruz** dropped **Luis Francisco Perez** twice en route to an eighth-round stoppage.
Elezar Bravo arose from a knockdown to floor Esteban Rodriguez twice and win a six-round decision.
Connie Lopez won a six-round decision over Fausto Olvera; lightweights.
The card featured two three-round exhibitions by 140-pound champion Julio Cesar Chavez.
(5-20-90)

GUTIERREZ ZAMORA—**Antonio "Pipino" Perez** scored a seventh-round stoppage over **Pepillo Diaz**.
(5-20-90)

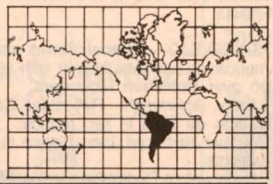
MEXICO CITY—A six-round bantamweight bout went to a split decision, with **Esteban Arreola** topping **Marcelo Nava**.
Welterweight Mario Sanchez won a six-round decision over Raul Huicochea.
Obdulio Tojas scored a first-round stoppage over Adrian Catana.
Super bantamweight Gerardo de la Serna outpointed Justo Almazan over four.
Porfirio Nieves registered a third-round kayo over Domingo Escalante; bantamweights.
Martin Casillas won a four-round decision over Enrique Prado; super bantamweights.
Juan Ramirez was disqualified in the second round vs. Martin Medina; featherweights.
(5-23-90)

ACAPULCO—**Rey Cisneros** stopped **Maxi Garcia** with a left-right to the chin in the fourth round; super bantamweights.
Bantamweight Antonio "Gallina" Salas won an eight-round decision over Leonardo Cano.
Miguel Angel Zuniga scored a third-round TKO over Alfredo Crucillo; flyweights.
In a super welterweight bout, Jose Luis Hernandez registered a first-round ambush over Alejandro Vazquez.
(5-25-90)

MEXICO CITY—**Pedro Mendoza** opened a huge cut in the mouth of **Ceferino Burgos**, which led to the contest being halted in the third round.
Oscar Ortiz scored a fifth-round TKO over Gabriel Ocampo; bantamweights.
Humberto Gonzalez won a unanimous eight-round decision over Carlos Bravo; bantamweights.
Jose Luis Madrid stopped Angel Jimenez in the second round of a scheduled six-round lightweight battle.
Jose Diaz took a unanimous four-round decision from Apolonio Mayo; bantamweights.
(5-26-90)

MEXICO CITY—**Aaron Zarate** scored a first-round kayo over **Nicolas Oritz**; lightweights.
Super lightweight Javier Serrano registered a third-round TKO over Leonardo Cruz Loza.
Super featherweight Mario Padilla won a four-round decision over Albertano Garcia.
Flyweight David Felix won a four-round decision over Armando Arenas.
Ricardo Martinez outpointed Samuel Jimenez in four; flyweights.
Bantamweight Francisco Mendoza scored a fourth-round TKO over Rogelio Ramirez.
(5-30-90)

JUAREZ—Bantamweight **Fernie Morales** won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Diego Avila**. Morales, 26-3 (12), dominated vs. the veteran Avila, 38-19-2.
(6-1-90) **Bruce Williams**



SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

COMODORO RIVADAVIA—Argentine junior middleweight champion **Jorge Fernando Castro**, 156½, won a 10-round decision over **Juan Italo Meza** in a non-title bout. The scoring: 99-94, 98-95, and 98-94.
(5-24-90)

VILLA MARIA—Light heavyweight **Sergio Merani** took a 10-round decision over former Argentine champion **Jorge Salgado**. The scoring: 99-97, 100-99, and 100-97.
(5-24-90)

MAR DEL PLATA—Former national welterweight contender **Marcelo Di Crocce**, 147, ended nine months of inactivity by outpointing **Jose Ludena**, 149, over 10 rounds. The scoring: 100-94, 100-94, and 100-96.
Stadium: Centro de Educacion Fisica numbero 1
(5-25-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Former Argentine junior welterweight champion **Hugo Ariel Hernandez**, 141½, won a unanimous decision over **Jorge Tejada**, 143. Hernandez is 54-3-1 (36); Tejada 16-25-10. The scores: 99-93, 99-94, and 100-95.
Promoter: Round XV Promotions
Stadium: Argentine Boxing Federation
(5-26-90)

SAN LUIS—Argentine super bantamweight champion **Ricardo Valenzuela**, 119, retained the title by winning a 12-round unanimous decision over Argentine bantamweight champion **Lucio "Machinegun" Lopez**, 122. Lopez hit the deck twice during this action-packed bout. The scoring: 116-112, 115-113, and 114-112.
Alberto Arano kayoed Sixto Soler in three rounds.
Site: Sociedad Espanola
(6-1-90)

JUNIN—**Luis "Cuty" Barrera**, 149¼, won a 10-round decision over **Sergio Britez**.
Promoter: Hernan Santos Nicolini
(6-1-90)

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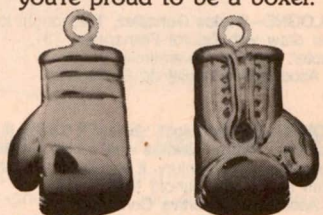

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TARTAGAL SALTA—Former Argentine flyweight champion **Ruben Condori** won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Miguel Rodriguez**. The scoring: 98-96, 100-96, and 99-95.
Stadium: Circulo Argentino
(6-1-90)

CORRIENTES—**Jorge Santana**, 156, stopped **Ricardo Cisneros**, 156, in two.
Site: Juventus Club
(6-1-90)

BOULOGNE—**Carlos Gonzalez**, 132, fought to a 10-round draw with **Daniel Fernandez**, 131.
Promoter: Antonio Mammarella
Site: Asociacion Mundial de Emigrantes
(6-1-90)

NEUQUEN—Middleweight **Bruno Godoy** triumphed when **Jorge Medina** quit in the seventh round because of a rib injury. It was the first fight in five years for the 31-year-old Medina.
Site: Asociaciin Deportiva Centenario
(6-8-90)

CATAMARCA—In an interesting 10-round fight, former Argentine flyweight champion **Ruben Condori** drew with **Hugo Soto**.
Site: Polideportivo Stadium
(6-8-90)

BUENOS AIRES—**Carlos Eluaiza** defeated **Carlos Farina** via unanimous 10-round decision. All three scores were 100-91.
(6-8-90)

CUTRAL—**Jorge Ureta** kayoed **Ismael Verdugo** in four rounds.
Site: General Mosconi Stadium
(6-8-90)

MENDOZA—**Osvaldo Corro**, the younger brother of former world middleweight champion Hugo Corro, keeps winning. He defeated South American lightweight champion **Faustino Barrios** in a non-title bout. Corro, 21-1-2 (8), is one of the finest prospects in the lightweight division.
Site: Pascual Perez Stadium, Federacion Mendocina de Box
(6-8-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Lightweight **Mario Araya**, 137, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Daniel Arce**, 133. Scoring: 99-96, 98-96, and 96-95.
Site: Federacion Argentina de Box
Promoter: Round XV Promotions
(6-9-90)

Carlos Irusta

BRAZIL

BARBACENA—Super featherweight **Valdevino Monteiro** decisioned **Wilson Goncalves** over six rounds.
(5-5-90)

SAO PAOLO—Lightweight **Francisco Tomas Cruz** decisioned **Edemilson Alves** over 10 rounds.
(5-19-90)

SAO PAOLO—Brazilian light heavyweight champion **Clarismundo Silva** retained the title by stopping **Ezequiel Paixao** in four rounds.
Lightweight Valdevino Monteiro decisioned Daniel Mejuto over four rounds.
William Felisberto TKO'd Jose Avanzi Neto; junior middleweights.
Super bantamweight Andre Abud decisioned Ronaldo Bacaroglo over four rounds.
(5-20-90)

ARAGUARI—**Emilson "Rambo" Tonacio** scored a first-round kayo over **Augusto Santos**.
(5-27-90)

BELEM—**Gil de Carvalho** won the Brazilian junior welterweight title with a sixth-round kayo over **Claudio Pereira**.
(6-2-90)

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CHILE

TALCAHUANO—**Jose "Caguitas" DeJesus** retained the WBO junior flyweight title for the second time by stopping **Ali Galvez** in the fifth round. DeJesus is 25-1-2 (18). Galvez, 24-1 (5), who was dropped from two big rights to the head, had trouble making the weight.
(5-5-90)

Bruce Williams

COLOMBIA

ARBOLETE—Bantamweight **Jorge Eleicer Julio**, 11-1 (11), an Olympic bronze medalist in Seoul, scored a first-round stoppage over **Gilmar Gonzalez**.
Welterweight Amury Moguea kayoed Fernando Rios in the first round.
In a six-round bantamweight battle, Jose Burgos decisioned Manuel Fuentes.
Jesus Zuniga decisioned John Baron in a four-round flyweight bout.
Bantamweight Miguel Nino outscored Fulgencio Sepulveda in four rounds.
(4-29-90)

CARTAGENA—Junior lightweight **Wilfredo Rocha**, 9-1 (8), registered a second-round kayo over **Felipe Angulo**.
Ever Beleno kayoed Gerguin Silgado in the second round; junior lightweights. Beleno is 10-0 (9).
Welterweight Orlando Marimon, Barranquilla, 8-0 (4), won a six-round decision over Catalino Julio.
Fernando Caicedo knocked out Pablo Garcia in the second round; featherweights.
Wilson Fontalvo won an unpopular eight-round decision over Antonio Montero.
(4-30-90)

SINCELEJO—**Juvenal Berrio** retained the Inter-American bantamweight title with a 12-round decision over **Robinson Mosquera**.
Junior lightweight Reynaldo Cassiani kayoed Oswaldo de Avila in two rounds.
Manuel Julio iced Juan Blanco in the first round; flyweights.
Welterweight Pedro Diaz kayoed Edison Martinez in the second round.
(5-18-90)

CARTAGENA—On the undercard of the Palacios-Mendoza title fight, junior featherweight **Rafael Zuniga**, 18-0-2 (11), TKO'd **Alvaro Bohorquez** in three.
Junior welterweight contender Rafael Pineda decisioned former WBO champion Amancio Castro over 10 rounds.
Flyweight Elvis Alvarez kayoed Sergio Lagares in the second round.
(5-25-90)

BARRANQUILLA—Flyweight **Alvaro Mercado** scored a sixth-round kayo over **Daniel Ayarza**.
Flyweight Carlos Hernandez rolled over Padro Bassa, the younger brother of former flyweight champion Fidel Bassa, in four rounds.
Reynaldo Hurtado kayoed Tomas Sampay; junior featherweights.
Bantamweight Simon Morales destroyed veteran Arnold Rocha in the third round.
In a six-round bantamweight contest, Atenor Solar, 13-1 (5), won a unanimous decision over Alejandro Valdez.
(6-15-90)

Luis A. Gonzalez

FRENCH GUYANA

GEORGETOWN—National Sports Hall—Welterweight **Michael Benjamin**, 145, former WBC Continental Americas lightweight champion, showed remarkable resiliency in surviving a seventh-round battering to come back and stop Guyanan welterweight champion **Barrington Cambridge**, 146, in the eighth round. In the eighth, an inspired Benjamin, 16-2-1 (11), pummeled Cambridge, 16-4-1 (10), along the ropes and forced referee Eion Jardine to call it off at the 1:50 mark.
Welterweight Calvin Jones, 2-2, dropped a close eight-round decision to Pascall David, 1-1.
Conrad Hunte, 9-5-1, was TKO'd at 2:20 of the third round by Andrew Murray, 2-0; junior welterweights.
Welterweight Anthony "The Pearle" Andrews, 11-6-2, took a 10-round majority decision over Marcelle Daniels, 8-6.
(5-27-90)

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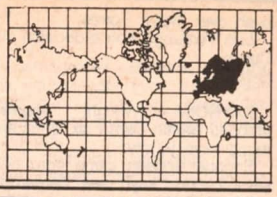

EUROPE

ENGLAND

LONDON—Royal Albert Hall—**Lennox Lewis**, 232½, Crayford, 10-0, kayoed Argentine **Jorge Dascola**, 223½, in the first round.
Former Commonwealth and WBC International welterweight champion Gary Jacobs, 149, continued his comeback with a first-round kayo of Mike Durvan, Penge, 149.
Errol Christie, 163¾, Doventry, stopped American Thomas Corington, 163¾, at 1:12 of the fourth round of a scheduled eight.
Alan Hall, 140½, Darlington, was very impressive dishing out a first-round stoppage to Telford's George Jones, 140. Referee: Reg Thompson.
Leytonstone's Derrick Daniel, 142, stopped Swindon's Gavin Fitzpatrick, 141, in the first round.
In a lightweight match-up over six twos, Islington's Terry Collins, 135, comfortably outpointed Des Gargano, 131, Manchester, by 60-57.
(5-9-90)

SHEFFIELD—City Hall—Heavyweight **Lennox Lewis**, 230½, Crayford, scored a comfortable but unspectacular sixth-round stoppage victory over American **Dan "The Businessman" Murphy**, 211. The fight, scheduled for eight rounds, represented Lewis' first venture into round six.
Lewis, 11-0 (10), established a relaxed rhythm in the first two rounds, with no hint of urgency in his work. In round six, Lewis applied the finish with a barrage of riping punches that pinned Murphy in the corner. Referee Ron Hackett intervened.
In a minor upset, Jason Rowe, 153½, Leeds, annexed the Central Area light middleweight title with a sixth-round kayo of Terry Morrill, 152, Hull. A wide, hard left hook to the body took the wind out of Morrill and he was counted out by referee Hackett on one knee at 1:49 of the sixth. Rowe's inactivity made his performance quite extraordinary. Central Area middleweight champion Slugger O'Toole, 166½, Sheffield, stopped Peterborough's Nigel Fairbairn, 161½, with 37 seconds left in the seventh of a scheduled 10. Referee Mickey Vann stopped the contest to save Fairbairn from taking further punishment.
Sheffield's Paul Jones, 155, knocked out Jim Beckett, 158, Woodham Ferrers, at 2:20 of the first round. Referee: Vann.
Stinger Mason, 170½, Sheffield, stopped Hackney's Tony Hodge, 170, in the second round of six scheduled twos. A powerful right sent Hodge down for the full count.
Barnsley's Chris Saunders, 141½, stopped Justin Graham, 142, Leytonstone, in the third round of six scheduled twos. Saunders landed an avalanche of blows and referee Hackett wisely intervened after 1:44.
(5-20-90)

STOCKTON—ON TEES—In an extremely lively and exciting main event, South Africa's **Siza Makhatini**, 189, rebounded from a first-round knockdown to unanimously outpoint Hartlepool's **Dave Garside**, 189, and annex the IBF Intercontinental cruiserweight title.
Garside, a heavy underdog, shocked almost everyone when he sent the big South African crashing to the canvas in the first round, courtesy of a powerful right hand. Makhatini barely beat the count and was saved by the bell.
Makhatini took a while to clear his head, but had recovered sufficiently to turn the tables on Garside by round four. Clubbing blows sent the Englishman down towards the end of the round, and once again the bell saved a fallen fighter from receiving any more punishment.
Garside was down again in round five, but rebounded with renewed vigor in the seventh and eighth. Makhatini regained the initiative in round nine and followed it up with a sustained attack in round 10.
Mahkatini was deservedly awarded a unanimous decision by scores of 115-111, 116-113, and 115-

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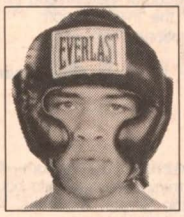

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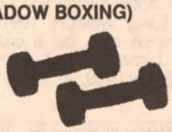

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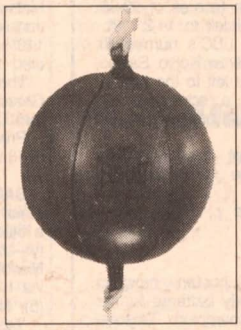

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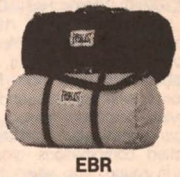

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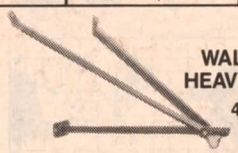

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Billy Hardy, the British bantamweight champion, came back from his January loss to IBF champion Orlando Canizales and stopped Mexican Miguel Pequeno in the fourth round of a scheduled eight. Hardy, 122, Sunderland, gave an impeccable display. Pequeno, 122, was finally rescued by referee Fred Potter with 21 seconds left in round four.

Darlington's Alan Hall, 139½, overcame a few scary moments before outpointing Frenchman Mohammad Ouhmad, 140, over six three-minute rounds. Referee Fred Potter scored 59½-58½.

Lester James, 134½, Dudley, was a shade fortunate to outpoint Newcastle's Dominic McGuigan, 132½, over six twos. Referee Watson awarded the contest to James, 59½-59.

In a six threes contest, Marvin P. Gray, 139, Stanley, outscored Hull's Tony Foster, 138, gaining a 59-58½ victory.

Redcar's Dave Buxton, 131, emerged victorious with a decision over Edward Cook, 128, Larkhall.

Billy Brough, 160, Dumfries, TKO'd Skip Jackson, 158, Leeds, in one.
(5-22-90)

IRELAND

BELFAST—King's Hall—**Crisanto "Claws" Espana**, 146½, Venezuela, 19-0 (17), knocked out **Francisco Bobadillo**, 148½, Paraguay, at 2:21 of the fourth round. Bobadillo, 22-2, was a very respectable substitute for Puerto Rico's Jorge Maysonet, who was suspended for 60 days due to a previous knockout loss.

Espana dominated from the outset, landing power-packed combinations almost at will. The end came in round four, when two hooks and a right deposited Bobadillo onto the seat of his pants with 39 seconds left in the round. Referee Barney Wilson's count was a mere formality.

Panama's Victor Cordova, 168½, outpointed a very game Frank Rhodes, 166, Louisville, Kentucky. Cordova got referee Wilson's nod, 79½-76½.

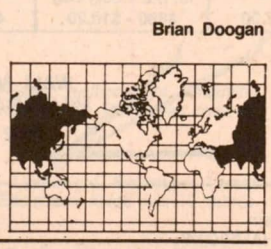
Belfast's John Lowrey, 121¾, 10-0, comfortably outpointed American Sonny Long, 120¼, Cincinnati, over eight three-minute rounds. Referee Wilson scored 80-76.

Ray Close, 166½, Belfast, the Irish super middleweight champion, emerged victorious against Rocky McGran, 171½, Belfast. McGran was forced to retire after only one round due to an injured right hand.

Panama's Oscar Checa, 147, stopped Young Gully, 148¼, Birmingham, in the second round of a scheduled six twos. Referee Dave Irving intervened at 1:34 of round two.

Richie Wenton, 121½, Liverpool, outpointed Middlesborough's Graham O'Malley, 125½, over six twos.
(5-23-90)

Brian Doogan



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INDONESIA

MANADO—**Husni Ray** barely kept the Indonesian mini flyweight title, as he was held to a 12-round draw by **Harnold Lonto**.

Thai veteran Dejvarin Hollywood drew with Frangky Polii, Indonesia, in a junior lightweight 10.

Robby Rahangmetan decisioned Thai Narong Monya in a featherweight 10.

Hanny Manangsang scored a sixth-round TKO over Chris Narwadan.
(5-12-90)

Joe Koizumi and P. Setijadi Laksono

JAPAN

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Japanese featherweight champion **Seiji Asakawa**, 126, registered his fifth defense by disposing of **Ryutaro Ueda**, 126, 15-5-1 (9), with a flurry of punches at 2:12 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Asakawa, 16-1-1 (12), is the WBC's number-15 contender.

Hiroaki Fukaya, 128, unanimously decisioned Akihiko Rikita, 128, in eight.

Koji Takahashi, 130, outscored Yuichi Yamamoto, 129½, in six.

Shinichi Tamaki, formerly All-Japan high school champion, 108, failed in his professional debut, as he carelessly took a right thrown by Hideo Suzuki, 107¼, and was counted out at 1:31 of the opening round in a scheduled four.

Co-promoted by Teiken and Lions Promotions
(6-9-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—**Taketo Saijo**, 159, 11-3-2 (4), barely kept the Japanese middleweight title as he was held to a majority draw by **Hisashi Teraji**, 158¼, 4-0-1 (3), in 10 hot frames.

In an encounter of southpaws, Jiro Kashiwara, 153, 10-5-3 (5), floored hard-punching Shinji Shiomi, 151, with a solid left in the opening round and cruised to a unanimous decision (scores of 99-90, 97-92, and 98-91) in 10. Shiomi fell to 14-2 (13).

Masuo Takeda, 11-1 (4), the JBC's number-six featherweight, 134, battered veteran Kojiro Sasaki, 136, and sank him with a vicious left to the belly at 3:07 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Sasaki, the oldest active Japanese boxer at 35, fell to 16-26-11 (8).

Katsumi Maruyama, 129, sent down Yoshihiro Ichiyanagi, 130, twice en route to a first-round stoppage.

Promoter: Kazama Promotions
Attendance: 880
(5-10-90)

HOFUJ—Hofu City Hall—Unbeaten prospect **Katsuya Onizuka**, 115, effectively battered former OPBF junior bantamweight champion **Tatsuya Sugi**, 115, with fast combinations and was awarded a TKO at 2:24 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Onizuka is 13-0 (12); Sugi 11-8-4 (8).

Former Japanese featherweight champion Tatsunari Hisahiro, 138½, 15-13 (12), moved up to the junior welterweight class and impressively chalked up a TKO over Yoshito Mizuo, 136¾, 7-10 (1), at 2:58 of the fourth session. Hisahiro dropped Mizuo in the second and fourth rounds.

Promoter: Masa Ito Promotions
Attendance: 1,700
(5-22-90)

KUMAMOTO—Kumamoto Prefectural Gymnasium—Lefty **Fumihiko Kimura**, the JBC's top junior middleweight contender, 155, steadily piled up points and whipped Filipino **Mon Desoloc**, 154½, en route to a shutout decision in 10. Scores: 100-92, 100-91, and 100-92. Kimura is 5-1 (2); Desoloc 28-14-2 (8).

In the boring semifinal, Kazuhiro Shimamoto, the JBC's number-two junior bantamweight, 118¾, won a unanimous decision over Thai steppingstone Somboonyod Singsamang, 119½, in 10. The winner is 12-0 (4); Singsamang 32-13-3 (27).

Kyoshiro Fukushima, a tall southpaw, 117½, made a successful pro debut by halting Toshihiko Doi, 116½, at 1:37 of the second session.

Promoter: Teiken Promotions
(5-26-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Fast-moving **Shigeru Okabe**, 116, 16-1 (8), unimpressively kept the Japanese bantamweight title, as he outpunched tall challenger **Shinichiro Hiraiwa**, 12-5 (5), via unanimous decision in 10. Scores: 99-91, 97-93, and 96-94.

Yoshiharu Takahashi, 122, weathered the occasional attacks of Osamu Fukumoto, 122, and earned a unanimous decision in eight.

Promoter: Apollo Boxing Club
(5-30-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—In the semifinal of the WBC world strawweight title bout in which Hideyuki Ohashi decisioned Thai challenger Napa Kiatwanchai, lefty **Koji Matsumoto**, 128, 5-1 (2), easily finished Korean import **Cougar Lee**, 128, at 2:34 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Lanky and powerless Shiroyasu Takahashi, 122, won a near-shutout decision (79-77 thrice) over Satoru Tazaki, 121½, in eight.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(6-8-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having gained the national junior featherweight title last February, **Manabu Saijo**, 121½, 12-1 (8), proved too powerful and pugnacious for **Ryuji Okawa**, 122, 9-6-2 (5), the top contender of the JBC, finishing him with a short left to the midsection at 1:45 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Filipino Boy Dignos, 105, was surprisingly knocked out by the body bombardments of Korean Jung Il Koh, 108¼, at 2:58 of the seventh round. Dignos, the WBC's number-14 strawweight, was a prohibitive favorite. Hes fell to 18-2-3 (6). Koh is 10-2 (9).

Promoter: Token Promotions
(6-11-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Fast-rising lefty **Takeshi Harada**, 121, 5-0 (4), knocked down Thai **San Northochor**, 122, 18-5 (6), three times en route to a kayo at 1:10 of the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Harada Promotions
(6-11-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Seaside Sports Center—Filipino lefty **Emil Romano**, 21-7-2, formerly fighting under the Japanese nom-de-guerre of Emil Matsushima, 115½, fought with his Filipino name and scored a fine knockout over **Macho Nakatani**, 116½, 8-3 (8), at 1:33 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

The semi-final 10 saw Ebo Danquah Torai, a Ghanaian import, 108, chalk up a TKO over Phantom Ozawa, 108, at 1:17 of the fifth session.

Promoter: Shin Nihon Osaka Promotions
(6-13-90)

SAPPORO—Nakajima Sports Center—Japanese junior welterweight champion **Rick Yoshimura**, 138, a black American, made good use of his specialty—stinging left jabs—to defeat **Katsumi Nonoguchi**, 138¾, and retain the national throne via 10-round unanimous decision. Yoshimura is 9-1 (5); Nonoguchi 12-9-2 (3).

Yasuei Yakushiji, the JBC's number-five bantamweight, 117¾, caught a defensive and elusive Jun Yonesaka, 117¼, and knocked him out at 2:04 of the 10th and final session. Yakushiji is 8-2-1 (6). Yonesaka became unconscious and was hospitalized. As we went to press, he remained in a coma.
(6-14-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having barely kept his crown with a split draw nine months before, OPBF lightweight champ **Iwao Otomo**, 135, 21-3-4 (19), engaged in a rematch with ex-Korean titlist **Kang Choi**, 135, 15-4-3 (7), and was again held to a split draw. It was as hard-fought as their first encounter. Otomo is rated eighth by the WBC. He doesn't care about taking a punch in order to land one. Scores: 116-116, 118-117 for Otomo, and 118-114 for Choi.

Tricky lefty Hiroaki Yokota, 121½, 14-4-1 (6), TKO'd the less experienced Korean Yong Kuk Choi, 122, 4-2 (1), at 2:59 of the fifth round.

Tall flyweight Tomoki Oikawa, 113¾, 14-3-1 (10), easily stopped Korean newcomer Hak Myong Kim, 113¼, 7-6 (2), at 2:43 of the third session.

Promoter: Okawa Promotions
(6-18-90)

Joe Koizumi

KOREA

KUNSAN—Kunsan University Gymnasium—In the semifinal of the WBA minimumweight title bout between Bong Jun Kim and Silverio Barcenas, **Ki Yun Song**, 154, became the new Korean junior middleweight champion by demolishing **Dong Woon Kim**, 153¾, at 1:39 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10-round eliminator.

Ki Jung Chang, 114¼, outpointed Filipino Sergio Pepito, 113½, in eight.

Jae Bin Choi, 141¼, drew with Byung Chul You, 141¼, in eight.

Promoter: Camel Promotions
(5-13-90)

INCHON—Unbeaten lefty puncher **Byung Yong Min**, the OPBF light heavyweight champion, 176½, extended to 5-0 (5), as his opponent **Abdallah Ramadan**, Canada's top contender, 176½, refused to come out for the fifth round in a scheduled non-title 10. The loser is 10-1 (7).

Former Olympian Kwang Soo Oh, 2-0, the KBC's number-four junior flyweight, 109½, was again unimpressive as he eked out a unanimous decision over Filipino Jaime Aliguin, 7-4 (3), the GAB's number-five contender, 109, in 10.
(5-20-90)

SEOUL—Palpal Gymnasium—In the semifinal of the WBC super flyweight title bout between Sung Kil Moon and Gilberto Roman, **Byung In Kang**, 5-0 (3), the Korean champion, 160, was awarded a

controversial but unanimous decision over Australia's **Graeme Looker**, 158¾, 4-6-2 (2), in 12. Scores: 115-114, 117-116, and 116-115. *The Ring* scored 115-115.

Sang Ho Park, 105, seized the Korean mini flyweight title by decision over Byung Chul Kim, 105.

Dae Jin Kyung, 148½, knocked out Yong Soo Kim, 147½, at 2:55 of the third session in a scheduled eight.

Sung Rok Yuh, 106¾, finished In Kyu Huwang, 106½, at 1:43 of the fifth in a scheduled eight.
(6-9-90)

YUCHUN—Unbeaten **Yun Sup Park**, 123½, 6-0 (4), the Korean junior featherweight champion, ranked 15th by the WBC, covered himself up against the furious opening attacks of ex-Filipino titlist **Little Bangoyan**, 123¾, and fought back to wear him down with combinations. Bangoyan fell at 2:28 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Promoter/manager Ho Yun Chun is planning to book the fast-rising Park against WBC kingpin Paul Banke this fall.

Korean junior lightweight boss Kang Suk Lee, 132¼, 4-0-2 (4), was held to a draw by Filipino Jessie Solis, 11-8-1 (5), in 10.

Kwang Bok Lim, 115, 7-6-1 (1), produced an upset decision and annexed the Korean junior bantamweight title from Byung Kwan Chung, 115, 18-8-3 (8), in 10.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions
(6-10-90)

KYONGKIDO—Wondang Arena—**Kyung Duk Ahn**, 29-1 (13), the WBC's top super lightweight contender, 142, engaged in a tune-up prior to his slated crack at Julio Cesar Chavez's IBF/WBC world title, and won a unanimous decision over **Florencio Pastor Jr.**, 142¼, 12-3 (9), in 10. Ahn didn't look impressive.

Chong Soo Yum, 12-4-5 (6), the KBC's top-ranked junior lightweight, 132, proved too powerful and pugnacious for Filipino Leon Collins, 131¾, 23-8-2 (7), dropping him in the second and halting him at 1:17 of the fifth round.

Sung Woon Song, 21-3-1 (6), the former Korean lightweight champion, 140, seized the vacant national junior welterweight throne by outpointing Jun Yung Choi, 139¾, 5-1 (4), in 10.

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions
(6-10-90)

ULSAN—Korean champion **Nam Hoon Cha**, 15-1-1 (6), seized the vacant OPBF junior flyweight title by winning a 12-round split decision over Filipino champion **Bert Refugio**.

Kyung Yun Lee, the WBC's top-ranked strawweight, took a unanimous decision over Filipino Cris Galon, in 10.

Yung Chun Min, a scrappy bantamweight formerly ranked by the WBC, easily knocked out Filipino Erning Tinoy in the third round of a scheduled 10.
(6-16-90)

SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—**Yun Un Chin**, an unbeaten flyweight contender ranked ninth by the WBC, stopped Thai champion **Linglom Sorthospol** in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

OPBF bantamweight champ Eun Shik Lee, the WBC's number-seven contender, chalked up an eighth-round knockout over Thai champion Downrung Chuvatana, the WBA's number-11 contender, in a scheduled 10.
(6-17-90)

Joe Koizumi and Yoo-Chang Kim

THAILAND

BANGKOK—Rajdamnern Stadium—**Kajikong Denphoothai**, 13-2 (7), the WBA's number- two junior flyweight, 111, scored a kayo over **Karnchai Kiatsonthaya**, 111, in the opening session of a scheduled eight.
(5-9-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Having been stopped by WBA minimumweight champion Bong Jun Kim in Korea, **Petchthai Chuvatana**, 106, made a fine comeback with an easy knockout of **Suphachainoi S. Thaveerat**, 106, in the first round.
(5-20-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Thanomsak Sithbaobay**, the WBA's top-ranked junior bantamweight, 117, had a tough time with the roundhouse hooks of **Vic Galme**, 116, 16-9 (8), in the second round, but still won a unanimous decision in 10. The winner, 30-1 (15), was nominated as the next challenger to WBA bantamweight champion Luisito Espinosa.
(5-30-90)

SAMUTPRAKAN—Thai junior featherweight champion **Noree Jockygym**, 31-8-1 (14), the WBA's number-seven contender, dug a wicked right into the belly of Korean **Bong Chul Kim**, stopping him in the third round of a scheduled 10.
(6-3-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—**Sinthup Sorthanikul**, 19-1 (7), the TBC's number- two bantamweight, was awarded a TKO over Filipino **Rex Rapiso** in the sixth session. It was Sorthanikul's first fight against a foreign boxer.
(6-7-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—IBF strawweight champion **Far-lan Lookmingkwan**, 16-1 (7), kept the title by unanimous decision over Filipino **Joe Constantino**, the seventh-ranked contender, in 12. Scores: 118-110, 116-112, and 115-113.

Sing Singchavan, the TBC's top flyweight contender, floored Philippine lefty Flash Calonia twice and halted him in the seventh session of a supporting 10. Singchavan, 10-0 (9), is gunning for a crack at IBF flyweight champion Dave McAuley, but he seemingly needs more experience.
(6-14-90)

Joe Koizumi, Ryuichi Kotani, and Naris

PHILIPPINES

GUINDULMAN, BOHOL—**Nick Ampong**, 120, 25-8-8 (10), pounded out a 10-round unanimous decision over **Rey Tarrosa**, 121.

John Medina, 108, lost a unanimous 10-round decision to unranked Al Tiempo, 108.
(3-24-90)

LAPULAPU CITY—Mahayahay Arena—**Ray Cosep**, 110¾, was held to a technical draw by **Eugene Flores**, 110¾, midway in the sixth session of a scheduled 10. Cosep, 21, is 9-3-1 (1); Flores 5-6-4 (1).

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Promoter: Samson Gello-ani
(3-24-90)

MAMBAJAO, CAMIGUIN—Roy Llopez, 118, struggled to a 10-round majority decision over **Levi Ballos**, 118.

Hynes Jopro, 116, took a 10-round decision over Jimmy Bonggot, 115.

Promoter: Hynes Boy Gualin
(3-25-90)

ILOILO CITY—Armando Andales, 135, dropped a shutout 10-round decision to **William Magahin**, 135. Scores: 100-93, 100-94, and 100-95. Magahin, 20, is 4-1 (1); Andales 9-5-1 (1).

Jun Pampliega, 132½, took a 10-round nod (99-96 and 99-95 twice) over Boy Masuay, 132½, in 10. Pampliega is 9-7-3 (2). Masuay 15-15-1 (7).

Felix Tuble, 129, 3-0 (2), TKO'd Nelson Valdez, 130, in the sixth round.

Promoter: Rolando Magahin
(3-30-90)

CEBU—Cebu Coliseum—**Ala Villamore**, 105¾, 10-0 (9), stopped ex-Indonesian junior flyweight champion **Ponidi**, 106¾, at 1:14 of the ninth round.

Ramy "Kamikaze" Dumpa, 130½, 9-0 (8), faced his first name opponent in Francis Velasquez, 129¼, 18-5-5 (8), and halted him at 2:09 of the ninth.

Richard Acaylar, 11-0-2, 126, was held to a 10-round draw by veteran Armand Ramos, 126.

Rocky Hylet, 119, earned a technical decision over Rommel Casals, 117¼, at 1:21 of the fifth session of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Reynaldo B. Rodis
(3-31-90)

ST. THOMAS, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Cris Galon, 105, scored a TKO over **David Franco**, 105, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Rolando Valentin, 112, won a majority duke over Racel Veronque, 112, in eight.

Edwin Casano, 115, TKO'd Nestor Pagaran, 118, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

Promoter: Verencio Redoble
(3-31-90)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum—**Dadoy Andujar**, 119, stopped **Romeo Opriasa**, 119, at 1:10 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. It was Opriasa's first appearance since he suffered a setback against Satoshi Shingaki for the IBF's Intercontinental title in Japan.

Fernando Baja, 110, 16-4-2 (7), TKO'd Al Campania, 110, at 2:15 of the seventh.

Nathan Bellerda, 110, 23-11-10 (7), decisioned Loloc Elloren, 111.

Neils Signapan, 115, decisioned Wing Florida, 116, over eight.

Promoter: Quintin Kaamino
(3-31-90)

CANDON, ILOCOS SUR—Mon del Rose, 135, 5-1-2, stopped **Macanno Silvano**, 137, 4-4-1, at 2:05 of the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Roger Pilapil, 121, took a split nod over Boyet Andales, 122, in 10.

Elmer Legaspi, 110½, 5-2-1 (2), gained a unanimous decision over Mario Allguin, 5-22-2 (1).

Promoter: Rolando Ramillano
(3-31-90)

DIPOLOG CITY—Lito Villaflor, 124, was awarded a split decision over **Bebe Capili**, 124, in 10.

Nerio Binondo, 124, scored a second-round TKO over Jun Salisi, 122. Binondo is 13-13-3 (5).

Promoter: Wilfredo Belais
(4-6-90)

SINDAGAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE—Ronnie Rosales, 124, won a 10-round unanimous nod over **Domy Manabat**, 124.

Big Boy Salcedo, 140, was a unanimous points winner over Nilo Balaba, 140, in 10.

Promoter: Onemiciano Paculanang
(4-6-90)

IPIL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR—Rosevelt Roy, 115, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Yulo Mondenido**, 115.

Rudy Idonio, 110, decisioned Andoy Roa, 110, in 10.

Roger Gadian, 115, outpointed Fred Canoy, 115, in 10.

Promoter: Ceazar Cinco
(4-7-90)

CALOOCAN CITY, METRO MANILA—Max Forrosuelo, 108, 14-11-5 (3), defeated **Sammy Pagadian Tyson**, 105, 11-10-3 (3), by unanimous 10-round decision.

Fernando Sagado, 11-3 (3), 122, eked out a split nod over Eddie Torres, 120, 5-9-3 (2), in 10.

Promoter: Roger Go
(4-7-90)

PROVINCIAL GYM, SURAGAO CITY—Andy Tabanas, 105, scored a decision over **Nelson Prisima**, 105, in 10. Tabanas is 9-0 (6); Prisima 20-11-3 (9).

Roger Gamayot, 112, whipped Elson Duran, 113, 20-4-1 (8), winning a unanimous decision in 10. Gamayot is 16-10-2 (2).

Rocky Marcial, 112, fought to a majority draw with Trifon Torralba, 112.

Arnlfo Bernadez, 113, scored a TKO over Del Temgam, 113, in the second.

Nick Quijano Caintoy, 108, knocked out Julius Tata Planas, 109, at 2:20 of the sixth session of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Rogelio Lopez
(4-7-90)

MAMBAJAO, CAMIGUIN—Fernando Baja, 112, 17-4-2, won a 10-round split decision over **Edwin Jopro**, 112.

Allan Inguito, 126, 10-4-3 (3), fought to a 10-round split draw with Fighting Ballos, 125.

Rocky Hylet, 118, TKO'd Roy Llopez, 118, at 42 seconds of the fifth.

Promoter: Hynes Boy Gaulin
(4-14-90)

IPIL, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR—Rosevelt Roy, 115, won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Yulo Mondenido**, 115, in 10.

Rudy Idanio, 110, defeated Andoy Roa, 110, by a unanimous nod in 10.

Roger Gadian, 115, was a unanimous points winner over Fred Canoy, 105.
(4-7-90)

MANDAUE CITY, CEBU—Mandaue Coliseum—**Peter Cuizon**, 112¼, 10-0 (6), kayoed **Flash Calonia**, 112¼, in the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Rommel Casals, 119, won a unanimous nod over Jipper Pahayahay, 119.

Promoter: Samson Gello-ani
(4-14-90)

LILOY, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE—Al Balaba, 130, took a unanimous 10-round verdict over **Rotchel Canete**, 130.

Just eight days after their previous encounter, Yulo Mondenido, 115, turned the tables on Rosevelt Roy, 115, taking a unanimous decision in 10.

Promoter: Decomedes Tabotabo
(4-15-90)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE—Boy Ligas, the GAB's top lightweight contender, 134, was awarded a majority decision over **Rey Pelonia**, 134, in 10.

Jaime Sintos, 116, chalked up a TKO over Rey Ligas, 116½, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

Sugar Ray Mike, 107, unanimously decisioned Rommil Lawas, 105, in 10.

Lito Gonzaga, 112, TKO'd Ramir Elizalde, 113½, in the third of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Resurrecion Obero
(4-21-90)

DAVAO CITY—Almendras Gym—**Rolando Aldlemir**, 160, was held to a split draw by **Jun Ramos**, 160, in 10.

Cris Galon, 106, TKO'd Rudy Idanio, 108, in the eighth of a scheduled 10.

Rey Boboy Tibayan, 118, stopped Ramil Austria, 118, in the sixth.

Promoter: Jaime Satoista
(4-21-90)

LUGAIT, MISAMIS ORIENTAL—Erning Tinoy, the Filipino number-two bantamweight, 118, caught **Jun General**, 116, and finished him at 1:28 of the third round.

Promoter: Harry del Puerto
(4-22-90)

BINAN, LAGUNA—Lefty powerpuncher **Tiger Ari**, 134, needed less than a round to knock out **Elmer Leonardo**, 134.

Lion Ari, 120, took a majority nod over Jun Llano, 120, in 10.

Promoter: Pewee Vasquez
(4-27-90)

BALANGA, BATAAN—Leon Collins, the GAB's number-two junior lightweight, 130, fought to a majority draw with Herbert Aragon, 130, in 10.

Roberto Garcia, 126, scored a two-round TKO over Igor Pacling, 126.

Roger Pilapil, 122, was given a split verdit over Edwin Montanes, 122, in 10.

Promoter: Carmelita Pascua
(4-27-90)

SAN JUAN, METRO MANILA—Filipino featherweight champion **Cris Saguid**, 125, kept the national crown by knocking out **Voltaire Pacuyan**, 125½, at 2:24 of the second round in a scheduled 12.

Ronnie Belaro, 121, kept the Philippine junior featherweight title by winning a majority decision over Pascual Ingusan, 120, in 12.

Joe Constantino, 108, outpointed Sammy Tyson, 108, in 10.

Rex Rapiso, 116, defeated Emil Romano, formerly ranked by the WBA and WBC, 115, in 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia
(4-28-90)

LAPULAPU CITY—Rey Cosep, a former amateur star and now ranked second at mini flyweight by the GAB, 111½, was awarded a technical decision over **Al Campania**, 112, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Roger Gamayot, 114, unanimously decisioned Ross Canedo, 114, in 10.

Promoter: Susan Flores
(4-28-90)

DIGOS, DAVAO DEL SUR—Sugar Ray Mike, 107, was awarded a split decision over **Cris Galon**, 107, in 10.

Mario Sumalinog, 121, unanimously outpointed Roy Pollard, 122, in 10.

Rene Boy Inocian, 120, won over Choi Millanes, 121, in 10.

Promoter: William Sanchez Sr.
(5-1-90)

SAN JOSE, ANTIQUE—Fernando Sagado, 118½, won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Eddie Torres**, 118.

Promoter: Jun Develos
(5-1-90)

CACAYAN DE ORO CITY—Gold City Coliseum—Ex-WBC International junior flyweight champion **Little Baguio**, 110, showed his experience in taking a unanimous decision 10-round over **Aljoe Jaro**, 112.

John Medina, 109, won an upset 10-round decision over Nelson Purisima, 108.

Alan Inguito, the Philippines' third-ranked featherweight, 129, earned a unanimous duke over Ali Albaracin, 129, in 10.

Promoter: Carlos Almirante
(5-5-90)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE—U.M. Gym—**Triffon Torralba**, 113, registered a sixth-round TKO over **Rex Cailing**, 112, in a scheduled 10.

Ben Capagngan, 131, earned a decision over Danilo Contado, 131, in 10.

Nelson Cabig, 123, outpointed Bert Navares, 123, in 10.

Salvador Maca, 106, decisioned Rolando Picorro, 107, in 10.

Bimbo Canaya, 147, decisioned Nilo Balaba, 147, in 10.

Promoter: Eusebio Almario Jr.
(5-5-90)

SURIRAO SUR—Young Rey Cascas, 113, earned a majority decision over **Arman Molina**, 111, in 10.

Rico Macaubos, 107, unanimously outpointed Leo Ramirez, 106, in 10.

Promoter: Rolando Ligas
(5-6-90)

SAN FERNANDO—Florencio Pastor, the GAB's second-ranked junior welterweight, 146, showed his power in copping a unanimous duke over **Dionisio Castillo**, 147, in 10.

Hilbert Aragon, 127, fought to a split draw with Robert Garcia, 127, in 10.

Promoter: Grego Garcia
(5-16-90)

MANILA—Ninoy Aquino Stadium—Former WBC super featherweight champion **Rolando Navarrete**, 134, disposed of Thai **Ayuthaya Sithfakamron**, 134, at 2:25 of the seventh session in a scheduled 10. Navarrete's left cross caught the loser and sent him to the deck for the count.

WBC International flyweight boss Jonathan Penalosa, 114, polished off Thai Pormongkol Chorvikul, 115, at 1:56 of the opening session.

Ex-IBF mini flyweight champion Eric Chavez, 109½, was an easy winner over Thaveelert

Torboonlert, 109, at 2:07 of the third round.
Felix Enero, the GAB's number-nine featherweight, 127½, impressively knocked out Warlito Sorbeto, 129, at 1:38 of the seventh round in a scheduled 10.
Dindo Canoy, 131½, an up-and-coming junior lightweight, registered a TKO over William Villaflor, 132, at the end of the fifth round.
Promoter: Jesse Abrea
(5-18-90)

TAGYNM DAVAI—Rey Paciones, 118, scored with more effective blows and won a unanimous decision over **Romeo Opriasa**, 118, in 10.
Lito Gonzaga, 112½, decisioned Jimmy Bonggot, 115, in 10.
Robert Mataganas, 122, won over Danny Abella, 121, in 10.
Promoter: Resurrecion Obero
(5-19-90)

MIDSAYAP, NORTH COTABATO—Philippine flyweight champion **Rico Siodora**, 110, kept the title by stopping **Mario Parcon**, 112, in the eighth round of a scheduled 12.
Mario Sumalinog, 120, decisioned Ruben de la Cruz, 120, in 10.
Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor
(5-20-90)

MANDAWE CITY—Fast-rising prospect **Ala Villamor**, 107½, 11-0 (10), TKO'd **Muhammad Alip**, 108, in the third. Villamor, an explosive puncher, is ranked 17th by the WBC. Filipino boxing people regard him as future world champion.
Peter Cuizon, the GAB's second-ranked flyweight, 113, unanimously decisioned Ric Bajelot, 112, in 10.
Nic Caintoy, 109¼, TKO'd Eugene Flores, 110, at 39 seconds of the third in a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Susan Flores Promotions
(5-26-90)

PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex—**Jun Jardenal**, 119, won a majority nod over Eddie Amad, 117½, in 10.
Mario Sajulan, 108½, outpointed Joel Revilla, 108½, in 10.
Reanto Magramo, 111½, won a unanimous 10-round nod over Dingky Jagdon, 112½.
Jessie Solis, the GAB's fourth-rated lightweight, 138, knocked out Macky Silvano, 136½, at 1:03 of the fourth in a scheduled 10.
Promoter: Laura S. Elorde
(5-30-90)

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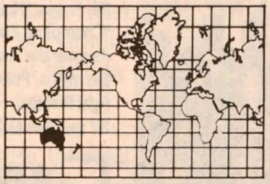

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AUSTRALIA

BONNYRIGG—Serbian National Club—Serbian **Bob Cvetic**, 231½, turned pro and won nearly every round as he outpointed Australian-based Fijian **Niko Degei**, 262¼, over 10 rounds. The scores: 99-91, 97-94, and 100-94. John Wright refereed.
Promoter: Keith Piper
(5-31-90)

TOOWOOMBA—Newtown Rugby League Club—**Darrell Hiles**, 136¾, outpointed **Lance Austin**, 134½, over 10. Scores: 98-93, 100-90, and 99-90.
Referee: Steve Scott
Promoter: Neil Kelly
(6-1-90)

DARWIN—Nightcliff Hotel—Local lightweight **Paulo Pinto** won every round as he outpointed **Johnny Fooks**, Queensland, over 10 rounds. The scores: 100-92, 100-90, and 100-87.
(6-1-90)

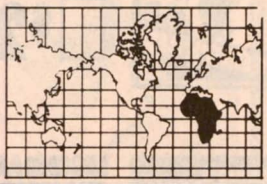
CABRAMATTA—Cabramatta Club—Junior welterweight **Brian Williams**, 140, stopped **Alex Wymarra**, 140, at 1:35 of round two. John Cauchi refereed.

Terry Roberts, 154¼, drew with Jamie Wright, 162, over four rounds in the only other pro fight on the card.
Promoter: Ian Bennett
(6-2-90)

BRISBANE—Brisbane Festival Hall—Up-and-coming **Shane Knox**, 135, outpointed former national champion **Pat Leglise**, 135, over 10. Leglise is a brilliant boxer but had trouble fighting on the inside against Knox, who smothered him from the start and dominated every round. Scores: 100-88, 99-91, and 100-89. Referee: Alan Moore.
In another 10, Mark Janssen, former Australian middleweight champion, 160, halted Samoan-born, New Zealand-based Thomas Mika, 160, in the fourth round. Referee: Denzil Creed.
Scott Baker, 126, halted Roy Saunders, 123¾, in round six to win the vacant Queensland state featherweight title.
Barry Boland, 149, outpointed Selwyn Currie, 148½, over six rounds.
Gary Wills, 189½, stopped Greg Pocock, 184, in five rounds.
Promoter: Col McElwaine, Ringside Promotions
(6-8-90)

CLAREMONT—Superdome—Australian middleweight champion **Lou Cafaro**, 159¾, made short work of import **Richard Barr**, 158¾, Bahamas. Cafaro decked Barr three times in round two, and referee Bill Ivory stopped the fight.
In another 10, local Shane Riley, 139, outpointed Kid Glover, Queensland, 139¾.
Another local, southpaw Brad Mogridge, 147½, kayoed New Zealander Davey Moore, 146, midway through round one.
In an eight, Australian featherweight champion Tony Miller, 132¼, halted Paul Utia, 135½, New Zealand, in round two. Referee Bill Driffill stopped the contest with Utia down.
Promoter: Sam Bruno, Superdrome
(6-8-90)

Ray Mitchell



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

EAST LONDON—Jaji Sibali successfully defended the South African flyweight title when he stopped **Nqaba Govuza** in the 10th and final round. Up to the sixth round, Govuza held his own. But from the seventh on, Sibali picked up the tempo.
Babino Mazolo won the Border flyweight title with a close 10-round points decision over Clive Sikwebu.
Site: Orient Theatre
Attendance: 800 (estimated)
(4-28-90)

EMPANGENI—Petros "Bomber" Mhlongo won the vacant Natal featherweight title when he stopped **Disco Mathenjwa** in the seventh round.
Justice Mthembu lost a close six-round decision to Professor Mkhize.
Site: Empangeni Town Hall
Promoter: Ngwelezane Promotions
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(5-5-90)

EAST LONDON—Mfusi Mazolo won a unanimous 10-round decision over **Luyanda Njaba** to win the Border bantamweight title.
In a junior lightweight contest, Tony Batala defeated Andile Ntsiko in eight.
Site: Gompo Hall
Attendance: 400 (estimated)
(5-5-90)

UITENHAGE—In a major upset, welterweight **Hennie Strydom**, 5-1, was kayoed by **Sydney Msutu** in the third round.
Site: Uitenhage Indoor Centre
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(5-7-90)

CAPE TOWN—Welterweight prospect **Gary Murray** was given a shock before earning a hard-fought six-round decision over **Mark Brawood**.
Middleweight Mark Cameron scored a second-round TKO over Sabdile Hoho.
Site: Muizenberg Civic Centre
Promoter: Style Promotions Pennypinchers
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(5-10-90)

DURBAN—Tollie Enslin won the Natal welterweight title on a foul in the eighth round when defending champion **Patrick Mtimkulu** struck him on the back. It was a gruelling, action-packed bout.
Middleweight Blessing Masinga won an easy six-round decision over John Mhlongo.
Site: D.L.I. Hall
Attendance: 300 (estimated)
(5-10-90)

EAST LONDON—Vuyani Bungi won the South African junior featherweight title in his second attempt by winning a 12-round unanimous decision over **Fransie Badenhorst**. Bungu piled up points with his jab. It appeared the champion had no game plan.
Site: Orient Theatre
Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(5-13-90)

SPRINGS—Junior heavyweight **Howard Mpepesi**, 11-6, won the South African title in his fourth attempt with a 12-round split dscision over defending champion **Freddy Rafferty**. Rafferty, 22-10-2, managed to drop Mpepesi in the seventh round, but weakened from the tremendous loss of blood from a gash on the top of his head.
Site: Springs Indoor Arena
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
Matchmaker: Maurice Toweel
(5-20-90)

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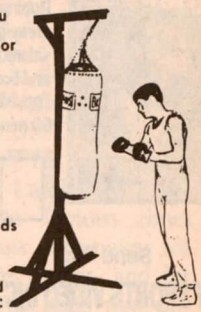

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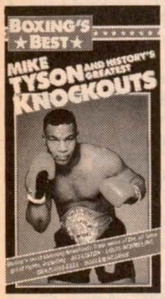

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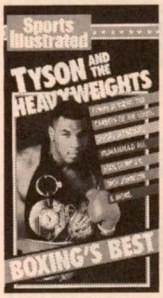

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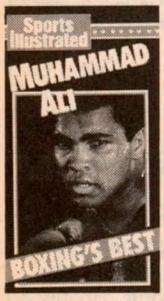

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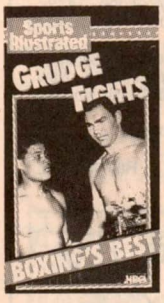

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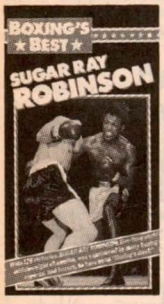

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HERBIE LAMBECK

(Boxing Oddsmaker)

By Arne K. Lang

The setting is a large resort-hotel on the glittering Las Vegas strip. Inside, in a little room behind the sports betting counter, three men are engaged in an animated discussion.

A few hours before, world filtered down from the advertising department that the deal was done, and the hotel would soon stage another big fight. Now it was up to the hotel to establish the opening betting line. (When fights are held in Nevada, professional courtesy dictates that the host property posts the first line.)

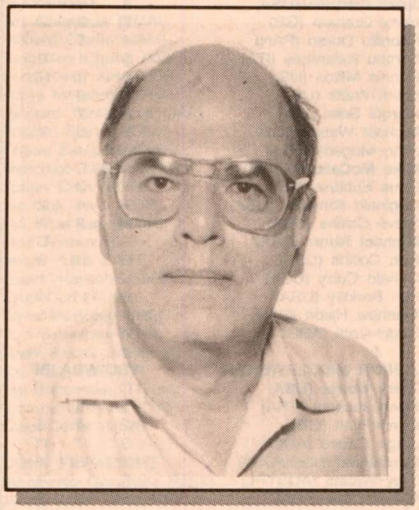
This is no trivial matter. Boxing and betting are inextricably linked. Prize-fighting draws high-rollers. The wrong number can be deadly, costing the book dearly and inviting scrutiny from the big shots upstairs.

A hush falls over the room as the three men pause to silently ponder the matchup. The still is broken when one asks the inevitable question: "Who does Herbie like?"

Herbert Irving Lambeck, aka Herbie Hoops because of his knowledge of basketball, is an anomoly—a high-stakes gambler with a nondescript appearance and a pedestrian lifestyle. He lives in a residential hotel, dresses casually, and has never owned a flashy car. The car would do him no good anyway, as he never learned to drive.

What Lambeck does own is respect from his peers. Now 58 and semiretired, he is a survivor in the hardest racket of them all, beating the bookie. (A more apt description would be beating the public, as bookies are merely stakes-holders who pay off winners with money collected from losers.)

Lambeck's clubhouse is Leroy's, a downtown betting parlor that sits in the shadow of Steve Wynn's majestic Golden Nugget. Leroy's belongs on the Register of Historic Places. A sawdust joint sandwiched between pawn shops, it is the last independently owned book in the city. The crowd there seems intent on proving Damon Runyon's postulate that all horseplayers go broke.



In the context of boxing, Leroy's is precious because it books more fights than any other property in Nevada. This distinction owes to having Lambeck, the professor emeritus of boxing oddsmaking, on the premises.

"It's the attraction of one against one," Lambeck says when asked why big fights attract so much betting. "This makes for a stronger opinion. People who bet team sports are inclined to bet more [money] on a fight."

Lambeck, who was born in Newark, became infatuated with boxing as a child. That infatuation grew when the infant medium of television invaded the fight arenas. Today, he's an international authority.

"I watch all the fights on Univision, Prime Ticket, you name it. If need be, I'll watch tapes of fights that did not get on American TV."

Lambeck has gambled for as far back as he could remember, but always with neighborhood chums for pocket change. He did not bet with a bookie until his junior year in college, when Joe Polack, the proprietor of a Newark bowling alley, installed Harold Johnson a 4-1 favorite over Nino Valdez. Lambeck put up $24 to win $6. Johnson won every round.

All successful gamblers have one experience in common: going broke and learning from the experience. Lambeck is candid about his personal crisis. The celebrated "Heidi" football game of 1968 was his Waterloo. When the Raiders scored twice in the final 42 seconds to upend the Jets, Lambeck found himself deeply in debt. Goodbye Newark. Hello Las Vegas. (The debts were eventually paid off.)

It did not take long for local bookmakers to appreciate Lambeck's oddsmaking expertise. At various times during the '70s, he was oddsmaker for the El Cortez, Caesars Palace, and for Jimmy the Greek. The odds that appeared in The Greek's syndicated column were ghost-written by Lambeck.

In a sense, oddsmakers like Lambeck bring integrity to boxing. Promoters and their shills try to build up every underdog as the second coming of Rocky Balboa. Sportswriters aren't necessarily immune to the hype. Odds tell the casual fan whether or not a matchup is legitimately competitive. And in Las Vegas, Herbie Lambeck's odds are as close as you're going to get to a sure thing. ■

Arne K. Lang is the sports information coordinator at Las Vegas' Stardust Hotel & Casino.

WBC WBA IBF
RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	C	C
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	1	1
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	2	2
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	3	3
George Foreman (USA)	4	7	10
Gary Mason (GB)	5	5	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	-	11
Alex Stewart (JAM)	7	4	5
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	8	9
Jose Ribalta (USA)	9	6	-
Mark Wills (USA)	10	-	-
Carl Williams (USA)	19	10	4
James Smith (USA)	12	9	-
Michael Dokes (USA)	11	-	6
Ray Mercer (USA)	13	11	7
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	-	8

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	C	-	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	1	2	2
Nate Miller (USA)	2	3	3
Derek Angol (GB)	3	4	-
Johnny Nelson (GB)	4	-	-
Jose Flores Burlon (URU)	5	6	-
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	6	1	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	7	12	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	8	-	-
James Warring (USA)	9	7	10
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	10	-	-
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	5	6
Glenn McCrory (GB)	18	8	9
Craig Bodzianowski (USA)	25	9	-
Dwight Qawi (USA)	27	10	-
Siza Makathini (SA)	-	-	1
Richard Mason (USA)	11	-	4
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	5
Bash Ali (USA)	-	11	7
Jean Chanet (FRA)	-	-	8

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	C	-	-
Dennis Andries (GB)	1	1	11
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	2	2	1
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	3	3	9
Yawe Davis (UGA)	4	-	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	5	9	8
Andrew Maynard (USA)	6	11	-
Tom Collins (GB)	7	8	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	8	-	3
David Vedder (USA)	9	5	12
Sergio Merani (ARG)	10	-	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	4	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	23	7	-
Tyrone Frazier (USA)	-	10	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	11	-	2
Booker Word (USA)	15	6	4
Freddie Delgado (PR)	24	-	5
Greg Everett (USA)	-	-	6
Frank Tate (USA)	12	-	7
Frankie Swindell (USA)	-	-	10

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	2	2
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	3	9	10
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	4	6	9
Don Lee (USA)	5	10	-
Ron Essett (USA)	6	8	5
Paul Whittaker (USA)	7	5	-
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	8	3	3
Dan Schommer (USA)	9	-	-
Dan Morgan (USA)	10	7	-
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	11	1	6
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	1
John Jarvis (USA)	-	-	4
Tony Thornton (USA)	16	-	7
Carl Sullivan (USA)	24	-	8

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Lindell Holmes (USA)	1	-	-
Julian Jackson (USA)	2	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	3	2	3
Roberto Duran (PAN)	4	5	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	5	1	6
Dennis Milton (US)	6	10	10
Kevin Watts (US)	7	8	-
Merqui Sosa (US)	8	7	-
Michael Watson (GB)	9	6	7
John Mugabi (UGA)	10	-	-
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	3	-
Reginald Johnson (USA)	-	4	2
Steve Collins (USA)	11	9	-
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Ron Collins (USA)	17	12	8
Donald Curry (USA)	12	-	1
Iran Barkley (USA)	14	11	4
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	5
Hugo Corti (ARG)	15	-	9

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	1	6	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	2	4	8
Jorge Castro (ARG)	3	7	11
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	4	8	1
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	5	-	6
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	6	3	3
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	7	1	-
Julio Cesar Vasquez (ARG)	8	5	-
Jun Suk Hwang (KOR)	9	2	-
Arthur Serwano (USA)	10	-	4
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	9	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	19	10	-
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	12	-	2
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	5
Tyrone Trice (USA)	-	-	7
Miguel Arroyo (ARG)	15	-	9
Brett Lally (USA)	21	-	10

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marlon Starling (USA)	C	-	-
Maurice Blocker (USA)	1	2	12
Buddy McGirt (USA)	2	5	1
Aaron Davis (USA)	3	6	2
Glenwood Brown (USA)	4	4	3
Jose Bermudez (COL)	5	7	-
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	6	11	8
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	7	-	-
Genaro Leon (MEX)	8	-	11
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	9	3	4
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	10	9	7
Mark Breland (USA)	-	C	-
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	5
Fujio Ozaki (JAP)	-	10	-
Antoine Fernandez (FRA)	14	-	10
Darryl Lattimore (USA)	-	-	6
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	16	8	-
Kevin Pompey (USA)	25	-	9

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	2	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	3	1
Angel Hernandez (PR)	3	5	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	4	6	6
Terrence Alli (GUY)	5	-	5
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	6	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	7	4	3
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	8	-	-
Efren Calamati (ITA)	9	9	-
Harold Brazier (USA)	10	-	7
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	12	1	-
Edwin Rosario (PR)	-	7	-
Rafael Pineda (COL)	11	8	4
Rodolfo Aguilar (PAN)	-	10	-
Louie Lomeli (USA)	16	-	2
Rodney Moore (USA)	17	-	8
Charles Murray (USA)	24	-	9
Pat Barrett (ENG)	13	-	10

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	-	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	4	1
Primo Ramos (MEX)	4	2	4
Darryl Tyson (USA)	5	5	5
Anthony Jones (USA)	6	8	-
Greg Haugen (USA)	7	-	6
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	8	6	7
David Gonzales (USA)	9	-	-
Mario Martinez (MEX)	10	-	-
Juan Nazario (PR)	-	C	-
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	11	7	8
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	17	9	-
William Rojas (VEN)	-	10	-
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	13	-	2
Eduardo Molina (COL)	29	-	9
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (US)	3	2	-
Jim McDonnell (GB)	4	12	11
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	5	8	8
Bernard Taylor (USA)	6	10	6
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	7	-	-
John-John Molina (USA)	8	-	1
Pedro Gutierrez (ARG)	9	-	-
George Navarro (USA)	10	-	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	-	1	-
Renaldo Carter (USA)	-	3	12
Joey Gamache (USA)	16	4	7
Jackie Beard (USA)	-	5	-
Wilson Palacios (COL)	-	6	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	14	7	-
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	9	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	2
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	27	-	3
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	15	-	4
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	5
Calvin Grove (USA)	26	-	9
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	1	4	10
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	2	2	3
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	3	5	-
Javier Marquez (MEX)	4	-	-
Louie Espinoza (US)	5	-	6
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	6	-	-
Steve Cruz (US)	7	-	12
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	8	7	8
Chan Mok Park (KOR)	9	-	-
Wilson Palacios (COL)	10	11	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	13	1	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	24	3	-
Tom Johnson (USA)	16	6	7
Jorge Romero (MEX)	20	8	-
Tracy Patterson (USA)	-	9	-

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Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	10	-
Myron Taylor (USA)	18	-	1
Troy Dorsey (USA)	15	-	2
Alfred Rangel (USA)	17	-	4
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	19	-	5
Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Banke (USA)	C	-	-
Seung Hoon Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Tracy Patterson (USA)	2	-	4
Pedro Decima (ARG)	3	7	5
Jesse Benavides (USA)	4	3	2
Chan Young Park (KOR)	5	-	-
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	6	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	7	-	-
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	8	-	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	9	6	-
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	10	8	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	12	1	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	11	2	-
Carlos Uribe (CHIL)	14	4	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	5	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	13	9	7
Freddy Cruz (DR)	-	10	-
Ray Minus (BAH)	-	12	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	21	-	1
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	19	-	3
Gerardo Lopez (PAN)	-	-	6
Joe Orewa (USA)	17	11	8
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	9
Nurhuda (INDO)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	1	2
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	4	3	6
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	5	4	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	6	9	5
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	7	6	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	8	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Cardenio Ulloa (CHILE)	10	-	-
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Kaokor Galaxy (THAI)	-	2	-
Eliecher Julio (COL)	-	5	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	14	7	-
Cesar Salas (VEN)	-	8	-
Paul Gonzalez (USA)	23	10	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	13	-	1
Duke McKenzie (GB)	11	-	3
Eddie Rangel (USA)	28	-	4
Vincenzo Belcastro (ITA)	21	11	7
Juvenal Berrio (COL)	-	-	8
Ray Minus (BAH)	17	-	9
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	20	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	2	1	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	3	5	10
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	4	7	11
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	5	-	-
David Griman (VEN)	6	2	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	7	-	-
Gilberto Roman (MEX)	8	-	-
Rey Paciones (PHI)	9	4	2
Javier Lucas (MEX)	10	-	-
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	18	3	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	15	6	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	19	8	-
Carlos Mercado (COL)	13	9	1
William Ramos (PR)	-	10	-
Juan Polo (COL)	-	-	3
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	4
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	5
Johnny Tapia (USA)	11	12	6
Vuyani Nene (SA)	-	-	7
Peter Mitrevski (AUSTRL)	-	-	8
Sombat Uasampan (THAI)	-	-	9

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	2
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	-
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	6	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	4	10	10
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	5	1	3
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	6	4	1
Ysaias Zamudio (MEX)	7	-	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	8	-	-
Yunun Chin (KOR)	9	8	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	10	9	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	-	C	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	2	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	11	3	-
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	5	-
Eyup Can (TUR)	-	7	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	12	-	4
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	5
Joe Kelly (GB)	-	-	6
Ole Kietoneway (THAI)	-	-	7
Giampiero Pinna (ITA)	-	-	8
Louis Curtis (USA)	-	-	9

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Jeung Keun Lim (JAP)	1	4	9
Michael Carbajal (USA)	2	2	1
Domingo Sosa (DR)	3	-	6
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	4	7	4
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	5	-	-
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	6	-	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	7	-	11
Leo Gamez (VEN)	8	1	7
Leon Salazar (PAN)	9	5	5
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	10	-	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	3	-
Jose Lagos (ARG)	-	6	-
Namhoon Cha (KOR)	24	8	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	-	9	-
Muangshai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	C
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	19	-	2
Ysaias Zamudio (USA)	-	-	3
Raul Rios (MEX)	17	10	8
Gerry Penalosa (PHIL)	-	-	10

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	12
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Hector Patri (ARG)	3	10	-
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	4	9	2
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	3	8
Hiyong Choi (KOR)	6	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchai (THA)	8	-	6
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	9	6	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	28	5	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	7	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	22	-	3
Francisco Montiel (MEX)	-	-	4
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	5
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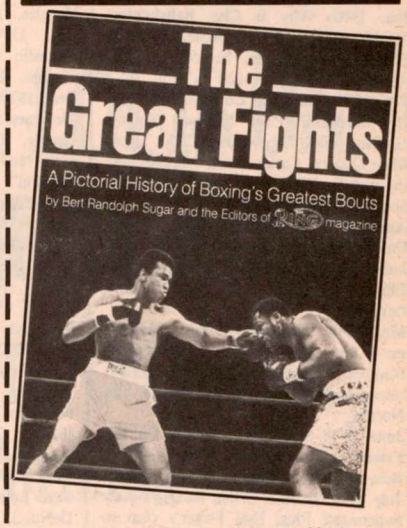

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SCHMELING KAYOED JOE LOUIS ON TIMES SQUARE, SAYS GRAYSON

Writer On Way To Dentist Picked Up O'Rourke, Who Gave Uhlan Winning Formula

From The Ring, October 1966

By Harry Grayson

Asked my most unusual story in more than 50 years of sportswriting, stretching from the 45-round days in California to the New York Mets, I unhesitatingly relate how Max Schmeling knocked out Joe Louis on Times Square.

Schmeling's knockout of Louis, June 19, 1936, is number one on my hit parade because the fight had all the elements of great theater.

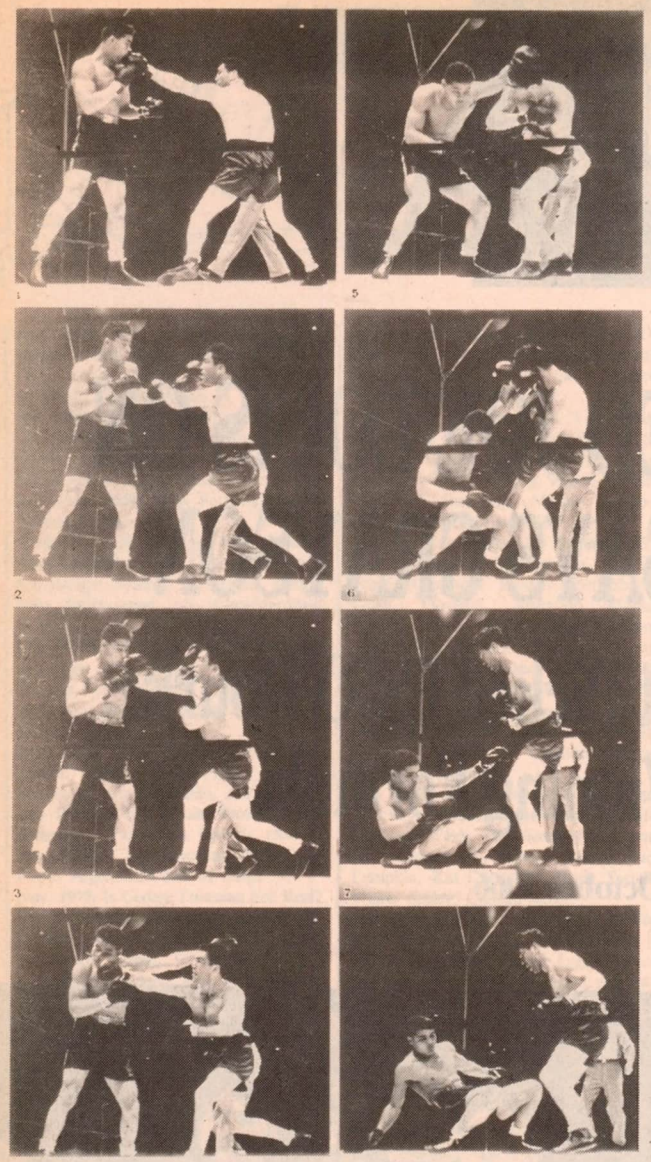
There was a factor of total surprise. Knocking the supposedly invincible Louis kicking in the 12th round, Schmeling accomplished what had been considered impossible. There have been upsets equally outstanding, but mighty few, if any, in which the underdog did such a thorough job of dismantling a supposed ogre.

There was the savage battle itself, which kept 60,000 spectators, glued to the edges of their seats, dazed by the wholly unexpected turn of events. This was all-out war so exciting that veteran observers completely lost track of things. Just thinking about this fight even now chills them to the marrow.

To Schmeling, his handlers, and me, there was the death of Tom O'Rourke in the German heavyweight's dressing room just before Max climbed into the battlepit.

It is because of the important role that O'Rourke played in this memorable engagement that I contend Schmeling knocked out Louis on Times Square, although the fight took place in Yankee Stadium. I don't believe Schmeling would have dealt Louis that terrible licking had I not dropped into the old Times Building a few days

In June 1936, former heavyweight champion Max Schmeling pulled off a huge upset when he kayoed unbeaten Joe Louis in the 12th round.



This series of photos captures the type of thunderous counter right that Schmeling banked on to whip Louis, who crashed in the fourth and 12th.

before to see my dentist.

It was 10 o'clock in the morning and O'Rourke was seated on the stairs leading to the Broadway entrance of the building.

Old-timers will recall O'Rourke was the long-time New York promoter who managed George Dixon, who was called "Little Chocolate," and the original Joe Walcott, known as the "Barbados Demon." He also guided Al Palzer, a White Hope of some consequence. He considered Dixon and Walcott the finest Negro warriors he ever saw.

I was driving to Schmeling's camp at the Napanoch Country Club in the Catskills after I had had a molar mended and invited O'Rourke to go along.

It was a weekday and not more than two-dozen persons were watching Schmeling, never a picture fighter in training. He looked worse than usual in an exceedingly dull workout.

Nobody cares about a loser and nobody thought Schmeling had a chance. Nobody recalled that Schmeling said, "I see zomezings," after seeing Louis take out the supposedly indestructible Paulino Uzcudun with a single right-hand shot.

They wouldn't have paid any attention to Schmeling if they had. The buffs were certain that Schemeling had seen *zomezings* all right, a bundle of dynamite who made heads roll.

Schmeling, 31, and in the throes of a comeback, was scared to death. All he heard was how hard Louis could hit. All he heard from his handlers was "Keep your hands up" and "Be careful!"

As Schmeling stepped down from the ring pitched on the Napanoch Country Club lawn, I introduced him to O'Rourke, explaining that the old Irishman was a famous fight figure.

"You should lick Louis," the old man said to Schmeling. "All he can do is hit."

"Yah, he hit all right," said Schmeling in his guttural voice.

"Listen to him," cut in Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager. "He knows what he is talking about."

It was the first ray of hope, and the wily Jacobs wanted his apprehensive tiger to fully digest the encouraging words.

Schmeling didn't realize that O'Rourke's appraisal, "All he can do is hit," was criticism. The venerable gentleman meant that Louis, then 22, not yet champion, had faults, dropped his left hand, and whatnot. He wasn't too ringwise, and how would he react to a solid whack on the chops? Schmeling had a beautiful straight right-hand punch.

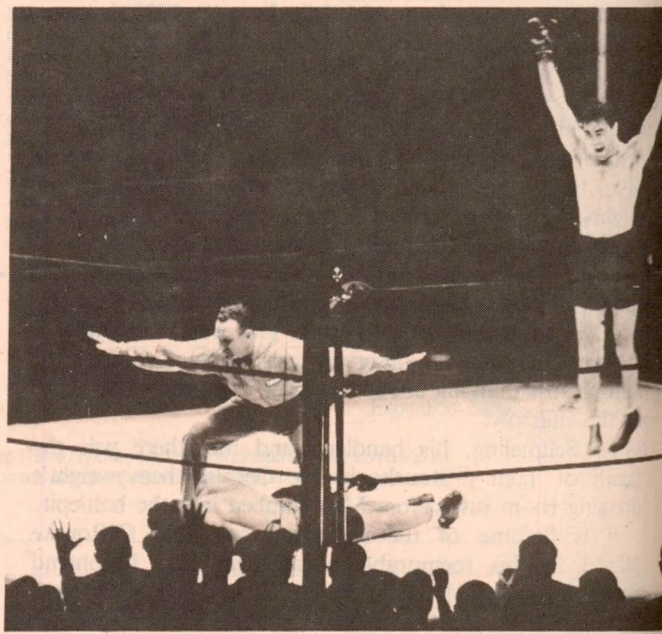
"Bend to your right and keep your head down," said O'Rourke. It was incongruous—the gray-haired octogenarian, bowler on his head, demonstrating.

Herr Moxie's name was pronounced Schmayling, but Old Tom called him Smelling.

"Hit me, Smelling," he urged, bending to his right, with his head down.

Schmeling fumbled at the old gent for a few seconds, but could do little more than tap him on the back. A bright light came to his eyes.

"Now lissen, Smelling," continued O'Rourke. "Bend to the right, keep your head down, and shuffle backward. Louis is the big guy. He has to come to you. He'll lean



Referee Arthur Donovan counts out Louis as Schmeling celebrates. Two years later, however, Louis would annihilate Schmeling in the first round.

forward with a left jab. Let him lean until you get him leaning far enough, and then throw your right hand like you never threw it before. Hit him anywhere on the head. He's got a glass noggin."

O'Rourke found me the night of the fight and asked to be taken to Schmeling's dressing room. When we reached the Yankees' dugout, the old man said, "I feel faint, I better sit down." After about 15 minutes, we continued up the runway and into the dressing room.

Schmeling's hands just had been taped and he walked over and greeted O'Rourke warmly.

"Now remember, Smelling," Old Tom said, "bend to your right and keep your head down."

Those were the last words Tom O'Rourke ever uttered. He gasped for breath and started to crumble. Schmeling, Joe Jacobs, and the trainer, Max Machon, helped the old gent to a rubdown table. Jacobs tried to lead Schmeling away, but Max wouldn't budge.

"He's just fainted," said Jacobs.

"No, Choe, he's dead," said Schmeling.

It was with this knowledge that Max Schmeling went down the runway, onto the field, and into the ring to face the supposed executioner, Joe Louis.

Not that Schmeling had the slightest idea of getting away with it, but he was reminded of old Dr. O'Rourke's prescription from the opening bell.

"Bend to your right and keep your head down!" manager-chief second Jacobs kept shouting from the corner.

The puzzled Louis groped, just as old Dr. O'Rourke had predicted, and after two minutes, was leaning too invitingly forward with a lowered left jab for even the unimaginative Schmeling not to do something about it. A booming overhand right-hand punch came like lightning from the crouch and landed smack-dab on Louis' chin. The Detroit tiger cat's knees buckled. He was badly hurt.

Schmeling had Louis practically out on his feet 10 times

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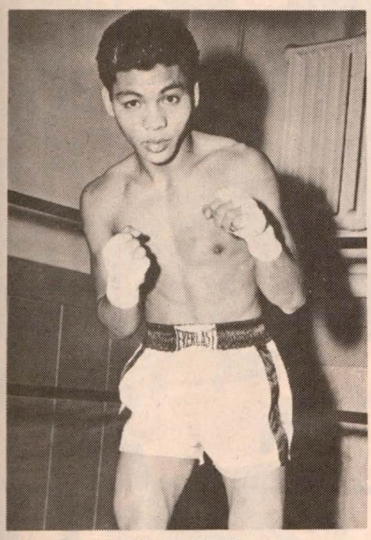

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4. **Jose Gonzalez**, Puerto Rico
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WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Title Vacant**

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4. **Brian Curvis**, Wales
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9. **Jose Napoles**, Mexico
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Sandro Lopopolo**, Italy

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3. **Daniel Guanin**, Ecuador
4. **Paul Fujii**, Honolulu, HI
5. **Carlos Hernandez**, Venezuela
6. **Fel Pedranza**, Philippines
7. **Piero Brandi**, Italy
8. **Marcel Cerdan**, France
9. **Eddie Perkins**, Chicago, IL
10. **Vicente Derrado**, Argentina

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Carlos Ortiz**, New York, NY

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2. **Nicolino Loche**, Argentina
3. **Carlos (Teo) Cruz**, Dominican Republic
4. **Ismael Laguna**, Panama
5. **Ray Adigun**, Nigeria
6. **Yoshiaki Numata**, Japan
7. **Paul Armstead**, Los Angeles, CA
8. **Angel Robinson Garcia**, Cuba
9. **Frankie Narvaez**, Puerto Rico
10. **Sugar Ramos**, Mexico

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2. **Pedro Gomez**, Venezuela
3. **Johnny Famechon**, Australia
4. **Love Allotey**, Ghana
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6. **Antonio Amaya**, Panama
7. **Kid Tano**, Spain
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FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Vicente Saldivar**, Mexico

1. **Mitsunori Seki**, Japan
2. **Carlos Canete**, Argentina
3. **Raul Rojas**, San Pedro, CA
4. **Richard Sue**, Portland, OR
5. **Bobby Valdez**, San Diego, CA
6. **Howard Winstone**, Wales
7. **Alex Benitez**, San Jose, CA
8. **Freddy Rengifo**, Venezuela
9. **Frankie Crawford**, Los Angeles, CA
10. **Yves Desmarets**, France

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Fighting Harada**, Japan

1. **Alan Rudkin**, England
2. **Jesus Pimental**, Los Angeles, CA
3. **Valdomiro Pinto**, Brazil
4. **Joe Medel**, Mexico
5. **Eder Jofre**, Brazil
6. **Mimun Ben Ali**, Spain
7. **Katsuo Saito**, Japan
8. **Bernardo Caraballo**, Colombia
9. **Yoshio Nakane**, Japan
10. **Tommaso Galli**, Italy

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: **Walter McGowan**, Scotland

1. **Horacio Accavallo**, Argentina
2. **Katsutoshi Takayama**, Japan
3. **Hiroyuki Ebihara**, Japan
4. **Salvatore Burruni**, Italy
5. **Puntip Keosuriya**, Thailand
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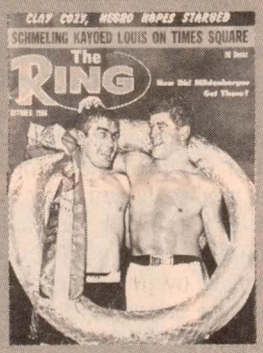
10. **Thongchai Supasamuth**, Thailand

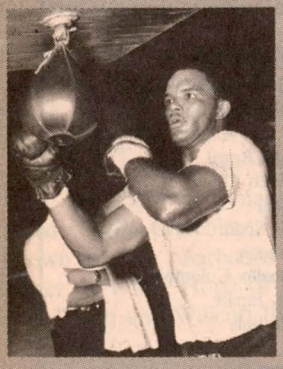
THE RING, October 1966

The Cover: German southpaw Karl Mildenberger, the European heavyweight champion, is featured with Yvan Prebeg after their title bout in Frankfurt. Mildenberger, next up for world champion Cassius Clay, scored a 15-round decision over Prebeg. The German would meet Clay on September 10 and trouble him until falling in round 12.



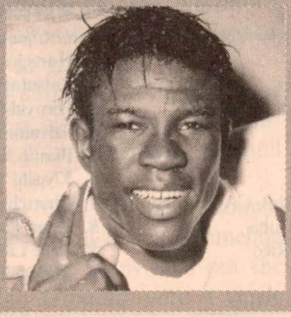
The Heavyweight "Hoax": Reporting from ringside in London, *The Ring* Editor Nat Fleischer describes heavyweight champion Cassius Clay's defense against Brian London (pictured) as "a hoax." Writes Fleischer: "Meticulous examinations of the movies reveals that Brian actually did connect with Ali twice, but they were featherduster applications which could not be dignified with the term 'punch.' "

The Welterweight Puzzle: When welterweight champion Emile Griffith outpointed Dick Tiger and won the middleweight title, he immediately lost the 147-pound crown. Associate Editor Dan Daniel suggests that four welters, Curtis Cokes (pictured), Jean Josselin, Ted Whitfield, and Brian Curvis, battle in a title tournament. Cokes would win the undisputed title by decisioning Josselin in November 1966.



Score One For Experience: In California's fight of the month, 34-year-old heavyweight Eddie Machen (pictured) snaps the 20-bout win streak of 21-year-old Jerry Quarry before a turnaway crowd of 10,000 at the Olympic Auditorium. Former champion Rocky Marciano, who was going to offer $100,000 for Quarry's contract, leaves his ringside seat before the decision is announced.

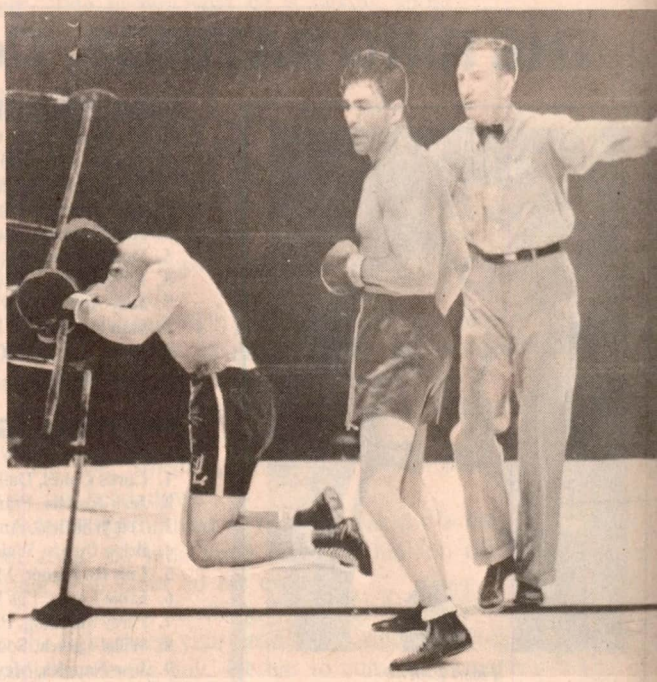
Fighter Of The Month: An easy choice: middleweight champion Emile Griffith, who retained the title for the first time with a unanimous 15-round decision over veteran New Yorker Joey Archer. Griffith would again defeat Archer in January 1967 before losing the crown to Nino Benvenuti.



before Joe fell from terminal shell shock and complete exhaustion and was counted out after 2:29 of the 12th round.

Every time Methodical Max had the Brown Panther set up for the clincher, he remembered O'Rourke's formula and fell back on it. He bent to his right and kept his head down.

This enabled Louis to recover sufficiently to keep the outcome in doubt, although the heralded superman was not only wobbly but fought in a daze throughout the last eight rounds. The power that finished Uzcudun, Max Baer, Primo Carnera, and others was punched out of Louis as Schmeling rained tremendous rights to his jaw, round after round. Yet there were fleeting seconds, even after Schmeling had scored a convincing knockdown in the fourth round, when it appeared that the Pretzel Pounder, his left eye rapidly closing and body belts weakening him, might drop the advantage he was gaining. The suspense was sustained until the final shot was fired and left Louis, the out-in-the-betting favorite, in a praying position on one knee, his left arm hanging over the middle rope.



Heeding the advice of promoter Tom O'Rourke, Schmeling fired right after right, flooring Louis in round four and punishing him for 12 rounds.

The left side of Louis' face began to puff at an early stage, and when it ended, it appeared that the Bomber had a double cheek, so swollen was it. Under the left eye was a giant mouse. In general appearance, Schmeling was not much better off. His left eye was completely closed, his lips puffed and bleeding.

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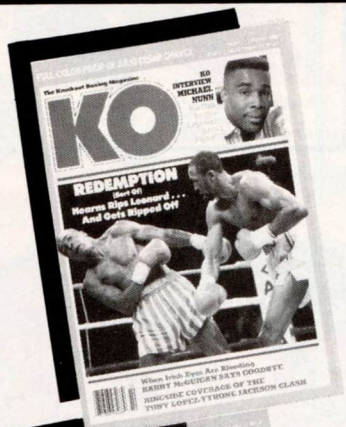

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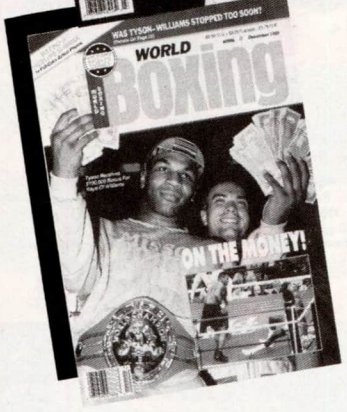

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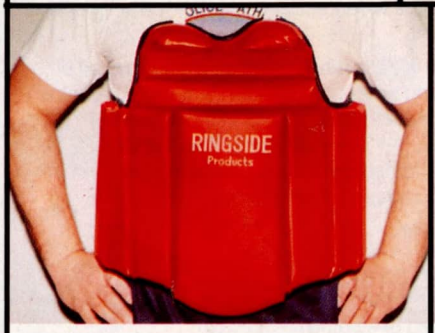

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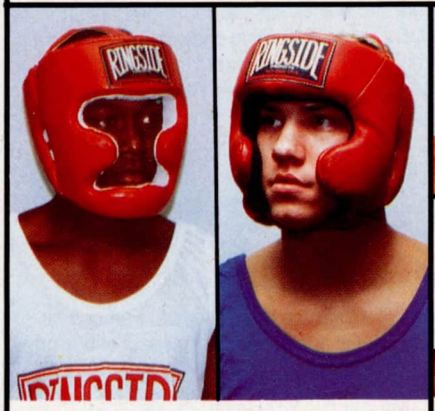

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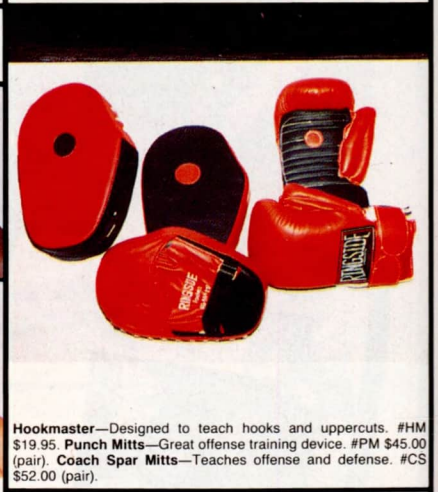

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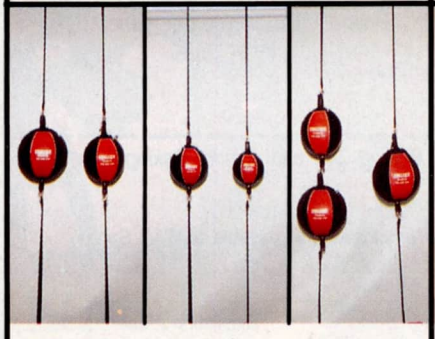

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